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INTRODUCING

OUR SCRAPBOOK . . . . .

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THE STUDENTS OF

WEST MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

A U T U M N

Three months of glorious summer freedom came to an end on September 1, as we happily returned to school to greet old friends and make new ones. For the newcomers there was the radiant smile of the girl with the armband, who cheerfully answered questions.

When we finally trudged slowly to our classes, we cheerfully greeted many new members of the faculty. We also noticed with regret that several of our old friends and advisors were missing. After the first week's confusion we quickly adjusted to the routine of a pleasant and varied year together.

With the reorganization of our clubs, classes, and homerooms we became immersed in a seemingly continuous wave of nominations, candidates, campaigns, ballots, recounts, runoffs, and new officers; in short, we held elections. When the dust cleared, we were pleased to notice that we had chosen efficient and capable leaders we felt would represent us wisely.

The glorious day finally arrived when the seniors received their rings. These were proudly displayed to such extent that the owners suffered from hand cramps for weeks. As this is an annual Senior event, the Juniors and Sophomores merely bided their time.

Long hours of grueling practice were rewarded when our football team came before the public and performed credibly. We all enjoyed a caravan to a game in Clover, South Carolina, and were not disap-

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pointed with the outcome. However, the highlight of the season was our homecoming game, marked by beautiful and well-planned half-time ceremonies. Despite the rain, the girls looked lovely in their dazzling attire, while their escorts added to the regal splendor of the occasion. Although happy spirits were dampened by the losing of the game, we all cheered up and had a wonderful time.

The months of October brought another glorious event, the election of our Carrousel Princess. We feel that we made a good choice and our entry represented us well.

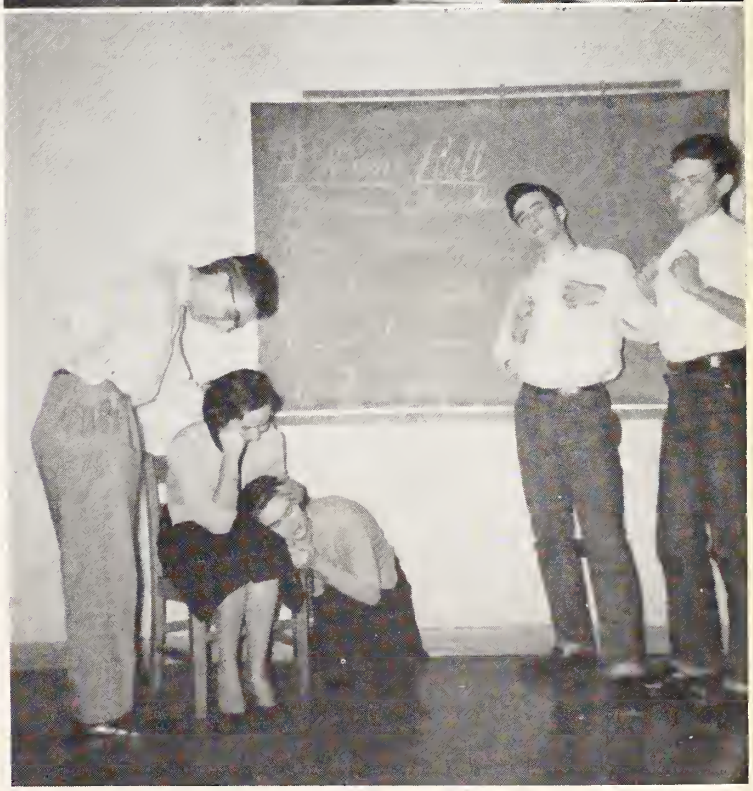
Turning to a more serious side of school, we began to think of our grades and wondered if we would be able to make the Beta Club.

On Tuesday, December 2, our halls were filled with many four-and-five year olds. As usual there was much confusion, and for one day our classrooms seemed to be similar to three ring circuses.

The approach of the Christmas season made all aware that the halfway point for the school year was almost here. While the Juniors were busy selling Christmas cards, the *Bow and Arrow* Staff was frantically trying to get out a December Issue, the Student Council was planning its big semi-formal Christmas dance (which went over with a bang!). The Glee Club was practicing for their Christmas music; and the various other clubs and organizations were planning different ways to celebrate the Yuletide Season. Everyone had so much to do that it seemed doubtful that all would be finished in time. However, the holidays did arrive, and everyone had a merry time.

After two weeks of over-eating, seeing old friends, waiting on Santa Claus, and just plain old leisure, we returned to school and silently promised ourselves that we would try harder in the five remaining months. For the Seniors, a feeling of sadness crossed their minds as they remembered that they had just experienced their last High School vacation.

As the time for exams approached, all students worked hard so that they might better their grades. After several weeks of study we finally finished our last exam and gave a sigh of relief.



S P R I N G

The athletic spotlight switched to basketball and we enjoyed tremendously coming to cheer our quintet on to victory. An exciting tournament in March was the climax of a successful season.

Another highlight of the early spring was College Day, filled with its various preparations and activities. All the students gained valuable information from the college representatives who attended.

Finally that bright day in April arrived when many Seniors, with glowing faces and excited spirits, boarded a bus to that long dreamed of destination—Washington!

At this time many clubs and organizations were busy preparing for spring socials and other activities. The time and effort put forth by the Dramatics Club came to light in their presentation of "Bashful Bomb." In the meantime, however, they had taken time out to present a mock wedding entitled "Let the Wedding Bells Ring" to the student body for chapel.

At this point our annual must go to press before some important events take place. In the near future the night we have thought of and waited for all year will arrive. Yes—it will be time for the Junior-Senior. In ball-clad costumes, and full of excitement, groups of Juniors and Seniors will gather at Radio Center looking forward to a night of happiness. And then with only a few weeks left until graduation, Juniors will watch with envy as Seniors patiently practice for that hard earned honor. The weeks will probably pass all too soon, and it will seem only a few days until the climactic occasion of a glorious year—for the Seniors, that is,—Graduation!

The last day of school, and the scene of a deserted hall. Usually echoing with the sounds of bustling students, it now stands void of all activity. It's a happy time for most—three care-free months of fun. But, it is also a sad time. For never again will the same people walk down these familiar corridors. No other year will be quite like this one. Yet, West High is patiently waiting for September, when once again her halls will hold noisy, excited Sophomores; smug Juniors, happy to be one step closer to their goal; and the new Seniors, at last reaching that year when all their dreams will come true.

In Memoriam

Eston Lee Riles

April 25, 1938

December 6, 1955

D E D I C A T I O N

Not only a teacher, but a friend—this is a true characteristic of our likable history teacher, Mr. Norwood.

We feel that we are fortunate in having such an efficient, capable, and well-liked person among our faculty. Therefore, the Senior Class of West Mecklenburg deems it an honor to dedicate the 1956 Tomahawk to Mr. U. S. Norwood.

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J. W. Wilson
Superintendent of Mecklenburg County Schools

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

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Chairman

B. L. Thomas
Secretary

J. P. Wilson

As they lead, so follow all—this is the true feeling of the students of West Mecklenburg toward their administration. We all agree that our administration is indispensable. They not only serve as our leaders and guides, but as our friends also.

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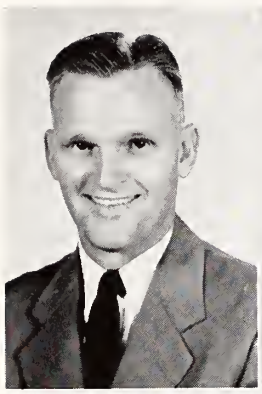

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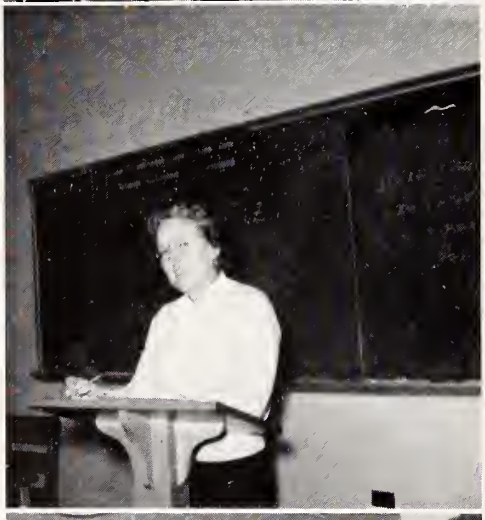

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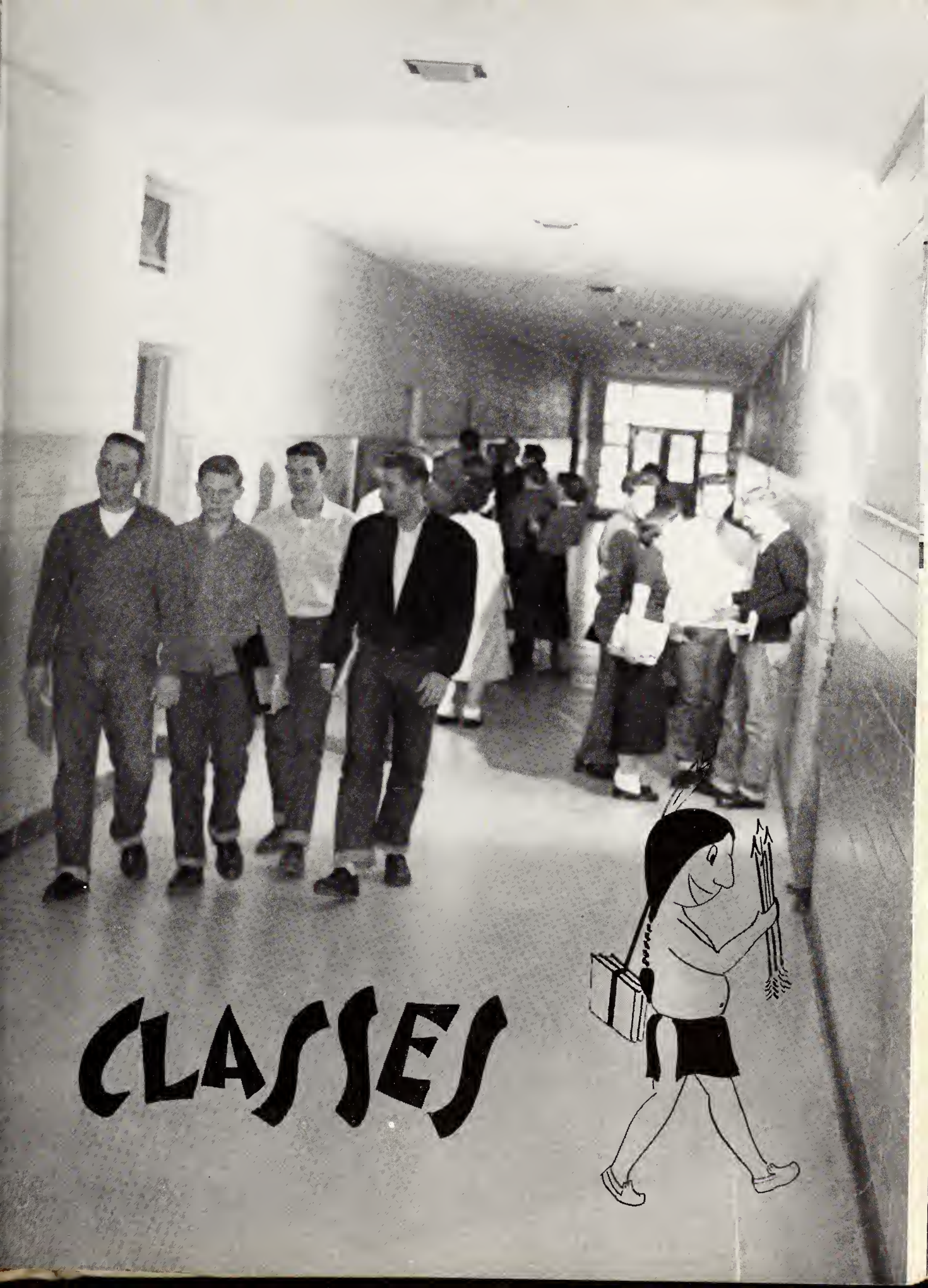
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Secretary
Iris Benton

Treasurer
Jo Ann Adams

S E N I O R S

SENIORS..

Jo Ann Adams

"Jo Ann"

"Beauty is its own excuse for being."

Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3; Treasurer 1, President 2, Secretary 3; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 4, Officer 1, Senior Representative 4; Cheerleader 1; Girls' Chorus 1; Student Council 2; Class Beauty 2, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 2; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Y-Teens 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Best Dressed Girl 4; Cutest Girl 4; Class Treasurer 4.

George Ausley

"George"

"He looks on life with quiet eyes, and never asks too many whys."

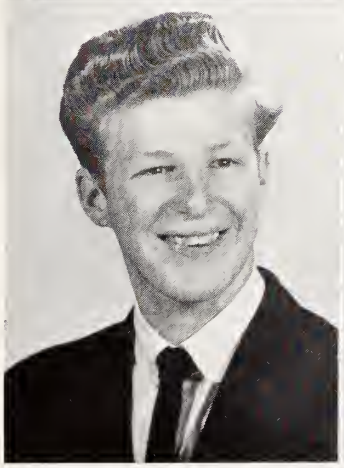
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Bible Club 4.

Margie Loraine Auten

"Marty"

"She is the sweetest and best of her kind."

Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 4; Home Room Officer 4, Secretary-Treasurer; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.



Iris Rilla Bailey

"Bug"

"She lays her beams in music."

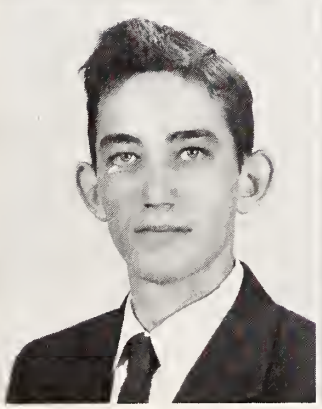
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 4; Monogram Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; Y-Teens 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Thomas Eugene Baker

"Gene"

"He was not sent into this world to be miserable."

Bus Driver 3, 4; Glee Club 3; D.E. Club 4, President; Student Council 4; Bible Club 3, 4.



Peggy Joyce Ballinger

"Peggy"

"Seeing only what is fair; sipping only what is sweet."

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 1; Lieutenant Safety Patrol 1; Basketball 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4.

Ronald Franklin Bass

"Bass"

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

F.F.A. 1, 2; Home Room Officer 1, 2, President 1, Vice-President 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Substitute Bus Driver 2, Bus Driver 3, 4; Audio Visual Club 2, 3; Library Club 4; Bible Club 4.

Shelbie Ann Beatty

"Corkie"

"She envies no mortal though ever so great."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Softball 3; Substitute Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4; Dramatics Club 4, Treasurer.

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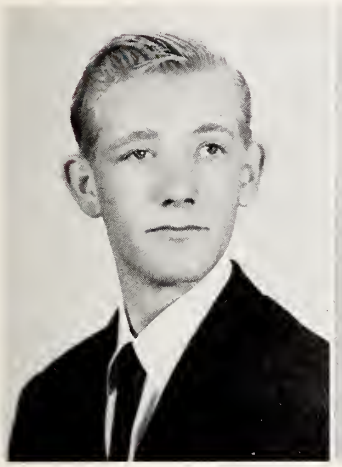


GARY ROY BECHTEL

"GARY"

"His only labor is to kill time."

D.E. Club 3, 4.

IRIS LAVATA BENTON

"IRIS"

"She cannot check her girlish blush; her color comes and goes;
She reddens to her fingertips, and sometimes to her toes."

4-H Club 1, Officer; Glee Club 1; Head Cheerleader 1; Monogram Club 1, F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4, President 4, Tri High 2, 3, 4, Delegate to N.C.H.S.L.A. 2, 3; Red Cross Council 3, 4, Vice President 4, County-Wide Representative 3, 4; Home Room Officer 3, President; Student Council 3, 4; Class Secretary 4; TOMAHAWK Staff 4; Bus Driver 4; French Club 4; Crownbearer in Homecoming 4; Y-Teens 3, 4.

JANICE MEREDITH BOLICK

"JAN"

"Her quiet nature seems to be tuned to each season's harmony."

F.H.A. 1, 2; Y-Teens 2, 4; Bible Club 4; Library Club 4.

LARRY REID BRAFFORD

"CRAZY"

"It's a wisecrack that knows its own father."

Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Glee Club 1, Home Room Officer 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4, Homecoming Mascot 2, 3, 4, Bus Driver 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Cutest

JO ANN ADAMS

JOHNNY CROOK

SENIORS..

Martha Sue Bright

"Marty"

"Patience and gentleness are power."

Girls' Chorus 1; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

Martha Jean Britt

"Martha"

"In her thoughts, love did take its part."

Y Teens 1; D.E. Club 4; F.H.A. 4.

Elizabeth Ingram Brock

"Libby"

"When she smiles, her face is sweet."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Home Room Officer 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Robert Earl Brock

"Noon"

"That he is himself, is proof of his character."

Glee Club 1; D.E. Club 4.

Peggy Ann Brookshier

"Peggy"

"Affections are as thoughts to her, the measure of her hours."

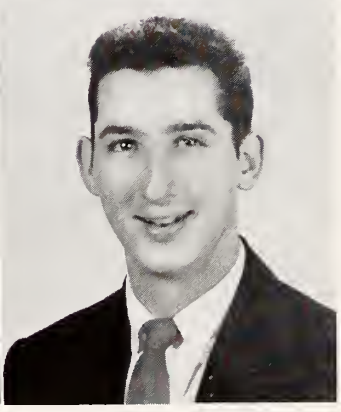
Elmore City, Oklahoma 1; Pond Creek, Oklahoma 2; Gainesville, Texas 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Softball 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1; F.H.A. 1; Chorus 1, 2; Band 2; Class Favorite 2; Girls' State 3; Y-Teens 3, 4.

Chippy Emmajel Brotherton

"Chippy"

"Her life is day without a night, an endless innocent delight."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 4, Secretary 1; Y-Teens 2; Bible Club 4.



Adrienne Carrigan Brown

"A"

"She is the genius of laughter to all."

Basketball 1; Varsity Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Tomahawk Staff 4.

Larry Porter Brown

"Porter"

"Silence is strong, and patient endurance is Godlike."

Bible Club 4.

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Wm. Montgomery Browning

"Little Bill"

"He's taken his fun where he's found it."

Baseball 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Reporter 2, 3; Band Secretary-Treasurer 4; Home Room Officer 2, 4, Reporter 2, Vice-President 4; Best Dressed 4; Library Club 4; Class Prophet 4.

William Horace Bush III

"B. B."

"Jest 'fore Christmas he's as good as he kin be."

Home Room Officer 1, 2, Vice-President 1, Treasurer 2; F.T.A. 1; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4, Vice-President; French Club 4.

Ida Mae Byrd

"Ida"

"The sufficiency of her merits is to know her merit is not sufficient."

Red Cross Representative 1, 4; F.H.A. 1, Parliamentarian 1; Glee Club 1, 3; 4-H Club 1, 4; Y-Teens 2, 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Library Club 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Lowell Herman Caldwell

"Buddy"

"He never permits himself to stoop so low as to hate any man."

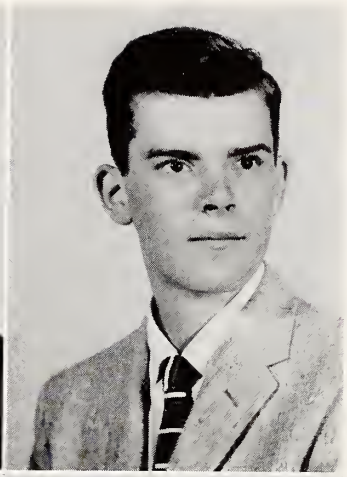
F.F.A. 1; 4-H Club 1; Home Room Officer 1, Treasurer; Wild Acres Delegate 3; Red Cross Council 4, Reporter; Junior Rotarian 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Studious

Eston Riles

Ruth Ann Love



SENIORS . .

Rebecca Locke Campbell

"Little Bit"

"A doll that walks and eats and drinks!"

Glee Club 1; Girls' Chorus 1; Basketball 1; F.H.A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1; Red Cross Representative 1; Red Cross Council 2, 3; Y-Teens 3, 4, Program Chairman 4; Bible Club 3, 4; French Club 4; Tomahawk Staff 4; Homecoming Mascot 4.

Charles Edward Cannon

"Bud"

"He did not care one straw."

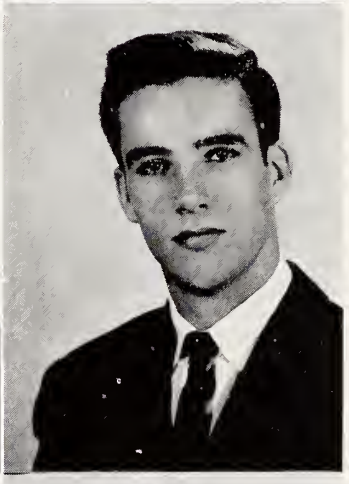
Band 1; F.T.A. 3; Library Club 3, 4; Bible Club 4; Bus Driver 4; Substitute 3.

Patricia Ann Capps

"Pat"

"Her pattern of thoughts showed through in her smile."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Red Cross Council 4; Bible Club 4.



Judy Carol Carithers

"Judy"

"Her feelings have the fragrancy, the freshness of young flowers."

4-H Club 1, 2, 4; Cutest Girl 1; Head Cheerleader 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Home Room Officer 1, 2, Reporter 1, Secretary 2; Y-Teens 1, 4; Red Cross Council 3, 4; Bible Club 4; F.T.A. 4.

Shirley Ann Carter

"Carter"

"She has a complete ignorance of everything a woman does not need to know."

Girls Chorus 1; 4-H Club 1; Cheerleader 1; F.H.A. 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Y-Teens 4.

Norman Arthur Chambers

"Norman"

"Men, like bullets, go farthest when they are smoothest."

Band 1, 2; Marion Key Club 1, 2; Home Room Officer 1, 4, Vice-President 1, President 4; National Forensic League 2; Allied Youth 2; Marion Bible Club 2; Marion Science Club 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4, Sports Editor; Dramatics Club 4; Library Club 4.

Sylvia Mae Chandler

"Frankie"

"Be to her virtues very kind; to her few faults, a little blind."

Basketball 1; 4-H Club 1, 4; F.H.A. 1; Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 1, 4; Bible Club 4.

Barbara Lee Chapman

"Bob"

"The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer somebody else."

4-H Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

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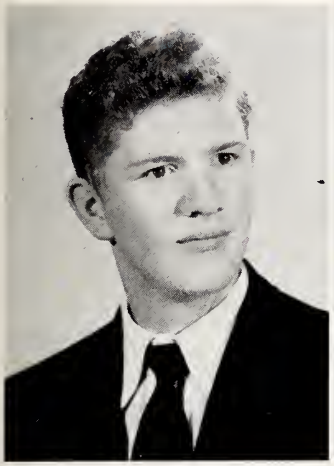
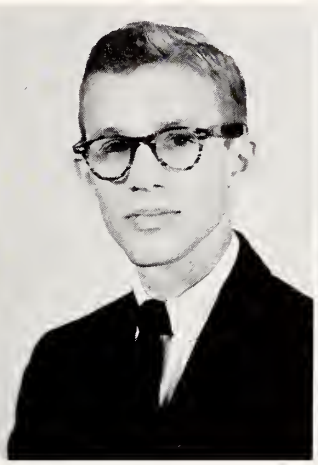

VAN BUERON CLAWSON

"VAN"

"The greatest thing is not what we get out of life, but what we put into it."

D.E. Club 4.

GROVER BOB CLONINGER

"BOB"

"Life, he knows, was made to live."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Basketball 1; Bible Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 3; Library Club 4.

ROBERT THOMAS COLE

"JR."

"What he knows, nobody hears."

Band 1; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Bible Club 4.

VERLA MARY CONDER

"VERLA"

"They laugh, she laughs with them."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 4, President 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Room Officer 2, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 2, Reporter 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Softball 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; Homecoming Mascot 4; Most Athletic Girl 4; Bible Club 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Popular

SARA MATTOX

WAYNE SMITH

SENIORS . .

Emily Joan Cooper

"Mem"

"She is as a blossom in the Spring."

Cheerleader 1; Girls' Chorus 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Room Officer 2, 4, Vice-President 2, Reporter 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Homecoming Attendant 3, 4.

Larry Luther Covington

"Larry"

"Rich joy and love he gets and gives."

F.F.A. 1, 2; Glee Club 1; Football 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Bible Club 4.

Dennis Wayne Cox

"Wayne"

"He can believe anything—provided it is incredible."

Glee Club 2; D.E. Club 3, 4.

Lavinia Cox

"Vinny"

"It takes life to love life."

Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1; Librarian 1; F.T.A. 3; Dramatics Club 4; Library Club 4; Y-Teens 4.

Johnny Merrill Crook

"Johnny"

"West's gift to women."

Baseball 1, 3; Substitute Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4; Red Cross Council 3; Dramatics Club 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; F.T.A. Club 4; Cutest Boy 4; Best Looking Boy 4.

Lessie Mae Culp

"Lessie"

"Her pleasant ways make us adore her."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, Vice President 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Red Cross Council 2, 3; Substitute Bus Driver 2, Bus Driver 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; Y-Teens 3, 4, Inter-Club Council Chairman 4; Bible Club 4; Tomahawk Staff 4.

Faye Yvonne Davis

"Yvonne"

"She is as a fleck of sunlight in the street."

Glee Club 1, 3; Club 1, 2, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Home Room Treasurer 1; Basketball 1; Varsity Club 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; F.T.A. 3, 4, Song Leader 4; Red Cross Council 4, Secretary-Treasurer.

Jewel Patricia Dellinger

"Jewel Tea"

"All that remains is pleasant memories of a pleasant person."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Red Cross Representative 1; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4.

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William Edwin Derrick

"Ed"

"He has known the silence of the stars and of the sea."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 1; F.F.A. 2, 3; Class Vice-President 1; Home Room Officer 2, Vice-President; Bible Club 3, 4.

Rayford Glenn Deshields

"Ray"

"It is easier not to speak at all than to speak more words than we should."

F.F.A. 1, 2; Library Club 2; D.E. Club 4; Bible Club 4.

Peggy Loretta Dilling

"Loretta"

"She has a modest answer and a graceful air."

F.H.A. 1; Home Room Officer 4, Reporter; Library Club 4.

Irene Allen Edwards

"Rene"

"The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."

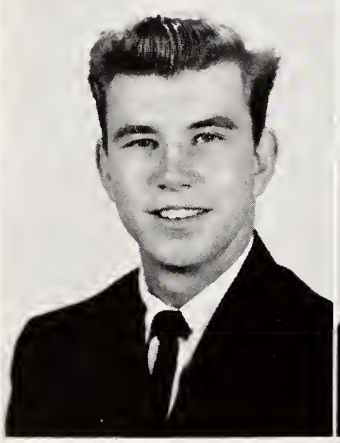
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 4, Reporter 1, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 2; Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1; Band 1; Soft ball 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Junior Marshal 3; Student Council 4, Secretary; French Club 4; Dramatics Club 4; Best Sport 4; Best Personality 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Y-Teens 4; Class Historian 4.

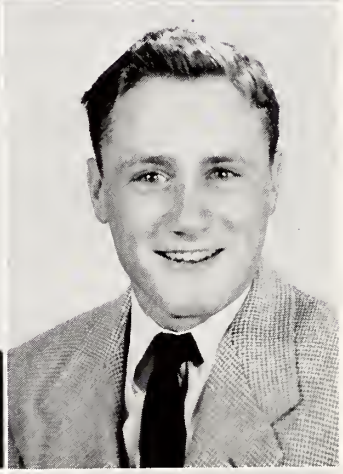
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

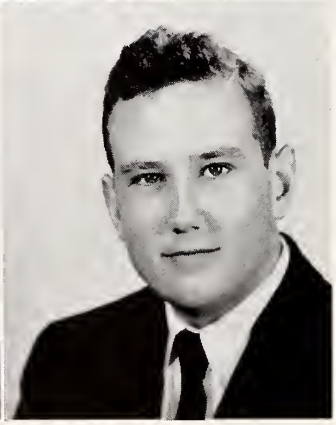
Best Dressed

Jo Ann Adams

Bill Browning







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Grover Allen Elliott

"Nature Boy"

"He's a lean dog, a keen dog, a wild one, and alone."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Monogram Club 3, 4.

Jo Ann Elliott

"Hoot"

"No tangle's so tangled it cannot improve if Jo Ann uses her brains."

Class President 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 1, Historian 4, Girls' Chorus 1; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, Captain; Valedictorian 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 2; Home Room Officer 2, 3, Secretary 2, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Chief Marshal 3; Library Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4, President 4; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; Student Council 4; Cheerleader 4; Monogram Club 4; Head Homecoming Mascot 4, *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Jerry Ferguson

"Ferg"

"Does he sleep? Does he dream? No, he wonders and doubts."

Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Home Room Secretary-Treasurer 1; Glee Club 1; F.F.A. 4.

Betty Jo Freeman

"Blondie"

"Soft was her voice and she spoke with an accent of kindness."

Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 4, Librarian 1; F.T.A. 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Tomahawk Staff 4; French Club 4, President; Student Council 4.

Bobbie Jean Frye

"Bobbie"

"With malice toward none, with charity for all."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 1, Prettiest Girl 1; Friendliest Girl 1; 4-H Club 1, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 2; Home Room President 3; Student Council 3; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

James Richardson Graham

"Dick"

"A good name is more rewarding than gold."

Basketball 1; Monogram Club 1, F.F.A. 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4.

Julia Yvonne Grass

"Von"

'A lady isn't poor if she can still laugh."

Girls' Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1; Cheerleader 1; Library Club 3, 4; Y-Teens 4.

Billy Neal Griffith

"Bill"

"He has often regretted his speech, never his silence."

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1; Bible Club 3, 4; D.E. Club 4; Home Room Officer 4, Secretary-Treasurer.

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BONNIE RAE GRISSOM

"BONNIE"

"Ah! She was fair, exceeding fair to behold."

F.H.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Safety Patrol Lieutenant 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3; Bible Club 3, 4; D.E. Club 4, Vice President.

JAMES DAVID GUY

"DAVE"

"Some act first, think afterward, and then repent forever."

Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; 4-H Club 1; Football 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Red Cross Council 3; Bible Club 3, 4; Most Athletic Boy 4.

BENNY GEORGE HAGER

"BENNY"

"He can endure his own despair, but not another's hopes."

Bible Club 3, 4; D.E. Club 3, 4.

JO ANNE HAMMOND

"JO"

"Lover of all things alive."

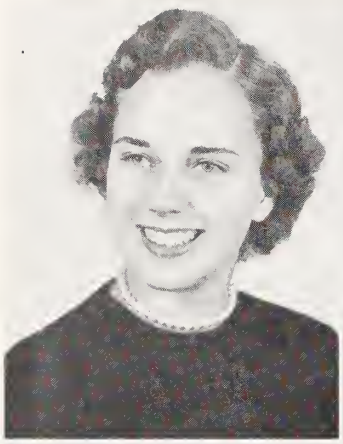
4-H Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Y-Teens 3, 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3; Bus Driver 4.

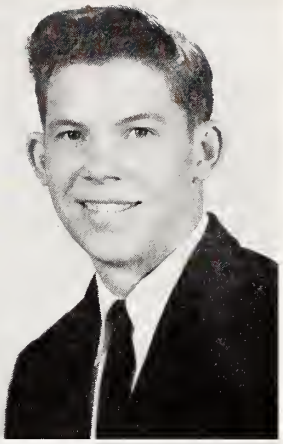
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Friendliest

CAROLYN MONTGOMERY

NORRIS HOOVER





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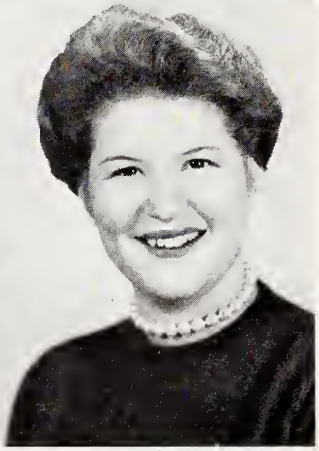
Robena Ann Hamrick

"Bennie"

"Let me do or die."

Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 1, 2, President 3; F.H.A. 1, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 1, Secretary 4; 4-H Club 1, Treasurer; Glee Club Accompanist 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, Historian 3, President 4, Treasurer, Tri-Hi F.T.A. 3, Vice-President 4; Civitan Wild Acres Award 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3; Marshal 3; Softball 3; Student Council 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.



Phil Davis Harmon

"Migo"

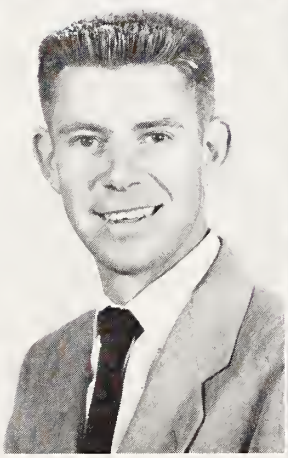
"In men whom men condemn as ill, he finds so much of goodness still."

Beverly Vertile Harris

"Bev"

"She has more than silver, pearls, and gold."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 4.



Betty Rose Helms

"Boot"

"Her speech is as a thousand eyes through which we see the earth."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1; Girls' Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3; Bible Club 3, 4.

Kenneth R. Helms

"Ken"

"He is of best things the collection."

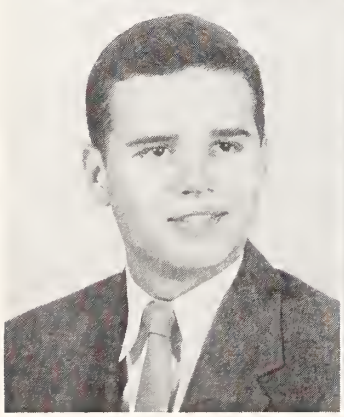
Bus Driver 3, 4; F.F.A. 4.

Violet Virginia Helms

"Vi"

"She has a heart with room for everyone."

Long Creek 1, North High 2, 3; Newspaper 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Library Club 2, Tri-High Secretary 3; Allied Youth 3; Science Club 3; Magazine Staff 3; Beta Club 3, 4.



Edwin Abshur Higgins

"Eddie"

"I can resist everything except temptation."

Science Club 1; Civics Club 1; Projector Club 1; Football 1; Baseball 1; F.T.A. 3; Bus Driver 4; Library Club 4.

Fannie Mae High

"Baby"

"Who have hearts as tender and true, and spirits as loyal?"

Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1; Bible Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

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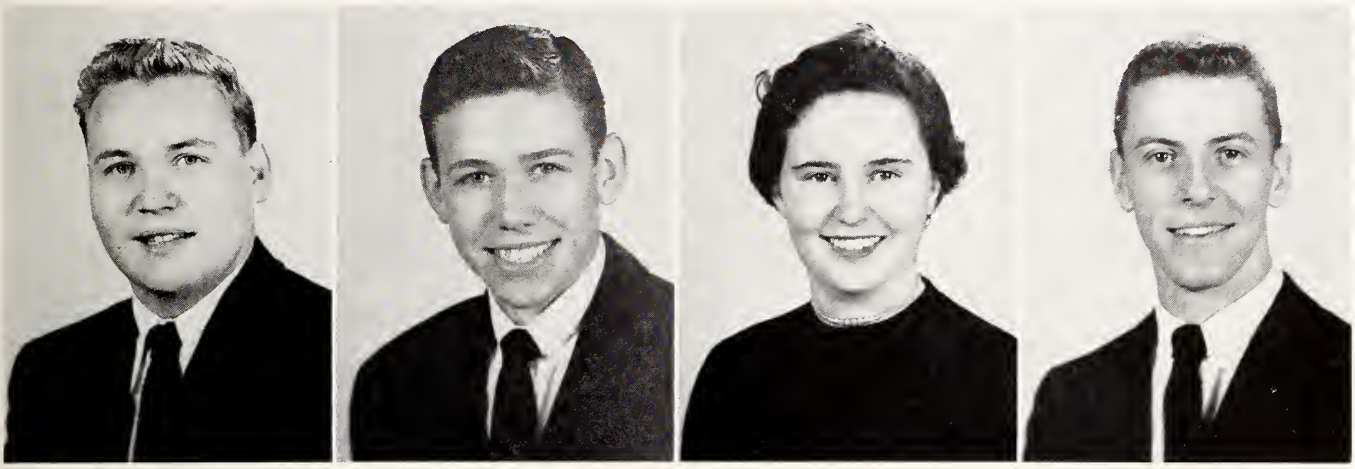


Barney Bradford Holder

"Barney"

"He who loves not wine, women, and song has no pleasure his whole life long."

Varsity Club 1; Band 1, 2, Vice-President 2, 4-H Club 1; D.E. 3, Associate President; Bible Club 4, Library Club 4.

Richard Norris Hoover

"J. Edgar"

"He made a thousand friends, yes, and he kept them."

Basketball 2, Baseball 2, Home Room Officer 3, President, Substitute Bus Driver 3; Student Council 3, 4, Class Vice-President 4, Junior Rotarian 4, Dramatics Club 4, President, Bus Driver 4, F.T.A. 4.

Linda Marie Hullender

"Linda"

"She is silent or speaks things that are better than silence."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 4, 4-H 1, 4; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Red Cross Council 4.

Jerry Johnson Hunter

"Jerry"

"In him is shown perfection as a man."

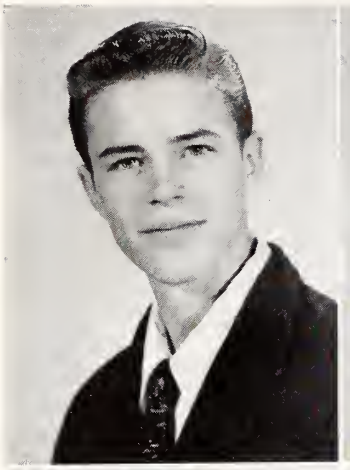
Baseball 1; F.F.A. 1; Seed Judging Team 1; Beef Judging Team 1, Band 1, 2, 3; Substitute Bus Driver 2, Driver 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Business Manager *Bow and Arrow* 4; Junior Rotarian 4, Monogram Club 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Best All Around

Sara Mattox

La Fontine Odom



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David E. Johnson

"David"

"One of the people on whom nothing is lost and everything gained."

Marshal 1; Class Prophet 1; Band 1; Glee Club 1; Library Club 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Junior Rotarian 4.

Jeannie Hamilton Johnston

"Bill"

"She hath forgot the way to weep; her being is a joyous sleep."

F.H.A. 1; Glee Club 1, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Librarian 1; Basketball 1, 3; 4-H Club 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, President 3; Red Cross Council 3; Library Club 3, 4; French Club 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.

Carol Mullis Jones

"Carol"

"She formed them all with wise design, distinguished each, and drew the line."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Class Poet 1; Basketball 1; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Dillard R. Jones

"Possum"

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved most."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Basketball 1; Home Room Officer 1, 4, Vice President 1, President 4; Bible Club 2; Beta Club 3, 4, Reporter 4; Student Council 4.

Lewis Anderson Jones

"Lou-Do"

"Fight for what's right, and if it's wrong, get gone."

Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Captain 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, President 1; Best Dressed Boy 1; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 4, President 1, 4, Reporter 2; Red Cross Council 4; Monogram Club 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Bible Club 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Dramatics Club 4, Vice-President; Wittiest Boy 4; Student Council 4.

Anne Laura Jordan

"Mick"

"As we advance in life, we discover our capabilities."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, President 1; Girls' Chorus 1; Home Room Officer 2, 4, Vice-President 2, President 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Student Council 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Doris Jane Keever

"Doris"

"The latest gospel in this world is, 'Know thy work and do it well.' "

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 2; Junior Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4, Vice-President 4; D.E. Club 4; Class Lawyer 4.

Ida Pearl Keistler

"Ida"

"She needs no impulse; one she is."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 1; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Red Cross Council 2, 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3; Home Room Officer 2, 3, Reporter; Bus Driver 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Homecoming Mascot 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Softball 3; Wittiest Girl 4; Tomahawk Staff 4.

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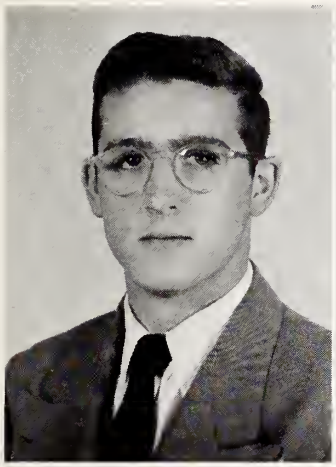

George Reid Kennedy

"Bad Man"

"Nothing is impossible to industry."

F.F.A. 1, 2; Baseball 1; Football 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Home Room Officer 3, 4, Vice-President; Substitute Bus Driver **3, 4.**

Charles Dean King

"Dean"

"The finest eloquence is that which gets things done."

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3; D.E. Club 4.

Martha Jane Kirby

"Midge"

"Life is too short to waste in critic peep or cynic bark."

Girls' Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1, 4; Bible Club 2, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Glee Club 4.

Shirley Jean Kiser

"Chridy"

"Sweets with sweets war not; joy delights in joy."

F.H.A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; Girls' Chorus 1; Basketball 1, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 4; Library Club 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Athletic

Verla Conder

David Guy

SENIORS . .

Bruce Marion Knight

"Bruce"

"These years, he's lived!"

Basketball 1; Baseball 1; 4-H 1, 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Home Room Officer 2, President; Bible Club 2; Student Council 2; F.F.A. 3; Monogram Club 3, 4.

Helen Frances Lisk

"Fat"

"A word spoken in good season, how good it is!"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, Manager 3; Monogram Club 1, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, Reporter; Home Room Officer 3, Secretary-Treasurer; Softball Manager 3; Bible Club 4.

James Jirden Little

"Hot Rod"

"All day long he dreams in the sunlight."

Ruth Ann Love

"Rufus"

"The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of pleasures."

F.H.A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; Library Club 4; Bow *and Arrow* Staff 4; Most Studious Girl 4.

Doris Dean Martin

"Doris"

"A lily girl, not made for this world's pain."

Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Class Vice President 1; Bible Club 4.

Sara Jane Mattox

"Sarge"

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye, in every gesture dignity and love."

Basketball 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 1, Secretary 3, Vice-President 4; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Homecoming Attendant 2; Class Beauty 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4, Chaplain 3, 4; Home Room Officer 3, Vice President; Monogram Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4, Business Manager 4; Carrousel Princess 3; Homecoming Sponsor 3; French Club 4; Student Council 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Best All-Around Girl 4; Prettiest Girl 4; Most Popular Girl 4.

Judith Annette Mauldwin

"Judy"

"She is 99 44/100 per cent enthusiasm!"

Home Room Officer 1, 4, Reporter 4; Cheerleader 1, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Monogram 1, 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Library Club 3, 4; D.E. Club 4.

Julian Oglethorpe McCathern

"Julian"

"The world's his oyster, which he with sword will open."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1; F.F.A. 1; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4.

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Mary Agnes McDaniel

"Mary"

"I worked with patience, which means almost power."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 1, 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, President 1; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1, Secretary 2, Vice-President 3, 4; Red Cross Council 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, President 3, Parliamentarian 4; Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Girls' State 3; History Award 3; Student Council 3, 4; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Bible Club 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Most Likely to Succeed Girl 4.

James McQuay

"Jimmy"

"No rugged stones his feet shall gall, nor stumps nor rocks cause him to fall."

Rudie A. Medlin

"Sot"

"A man without a sweetheart is like a fish without water."

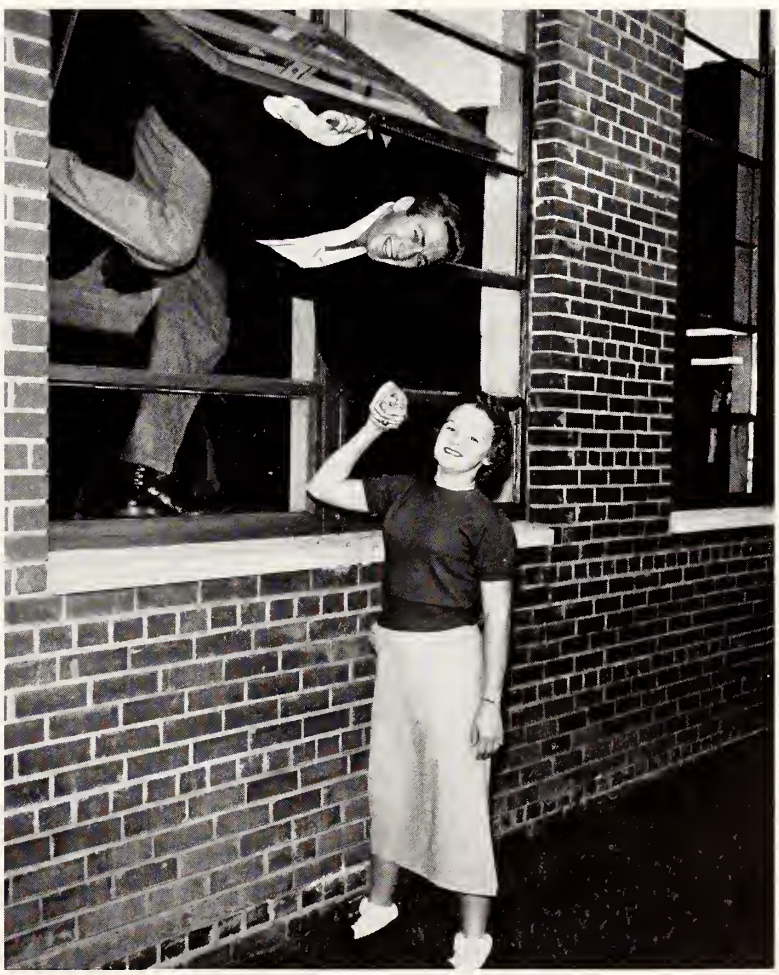
D.E. Club 4.

Sue Carole Medlin

"Sue"

"She has a voice of gladness, and a smile and eloquence of beauty."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Y-Teens 2, 4; Red Cross Council 4; Library Club 4; Dramatics Club 4.

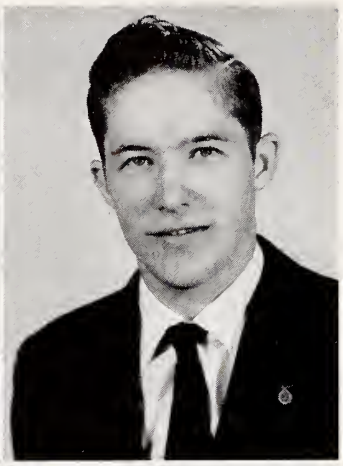


SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Wittiest

Ida Pearl Keistler

Lewis Jones



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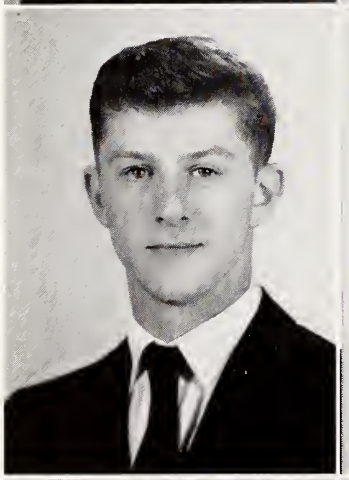
Sarah Ann Melton

"Sarah"

"Her every tone is music."

Red Cross Representative 1; Basketball Manager 1; Softball 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 4, Secretary 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Bible Club 4; Y-Teens 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Most Talented Girl 4.



Scott Tilman Mikeal

"Scottie"

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

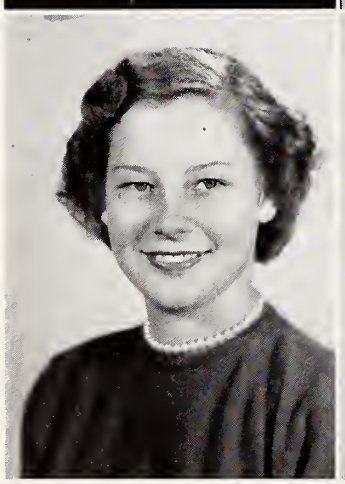
Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; 4-H Club 1; Bus Driver 1, 2, 3; Bible Club 2; Tomahawk Staff 2; D.E. Club 4.

Ray Mingus

"Ray"

"There is always ample room for all who do their work well."

Baseball 1, 3; Basketball 1; Bible Club 2; Monogram Club 3, 4; D.E. Club 4.



Evelyn Louise Mitchell

"Evelyn"

"Her words are as laden with love as the heart when it beats."

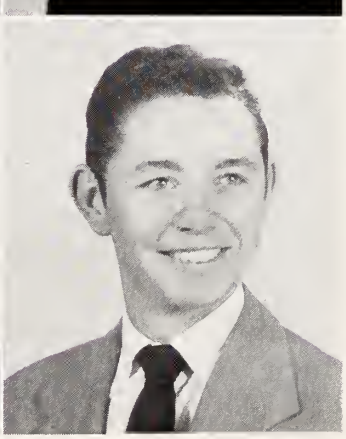
Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; F.H.A. 4; Y-Teens 4; Home Room Officer 4, Vice-President.

Barbara Carolyn Montgomery

"Carolyn"

"She is friendship, the comforter; She is that which forgives and forgets."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Basketball Manager 1; Monogram Club 1; Citizenship Award 1; Glee Club 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3; Softball 3; Home Room Officer 3, 4, Vice-President 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4; French Club 4, Secretary; Substitute Bus Driver 4; Library Club 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Tomahawk Staff 4; Friendliest Girl 4.



Betty Jo Moses

"Ditto"

"Personality sitting with gladness."

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Librarian 1, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; 4-H Club 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4.

Harry Thomas Mullis

"Harry"

"He is free and happy-go-lucky."

Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Home Room Officer 1, Vice-President; Glee Club 1; Dramatics Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer.

William Hamilton Neely

"Bill"

"No particular motive for living, except the custom and habit of it."

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; Glee Club 1; Bus Driver 3, 4; Bible Club 4.

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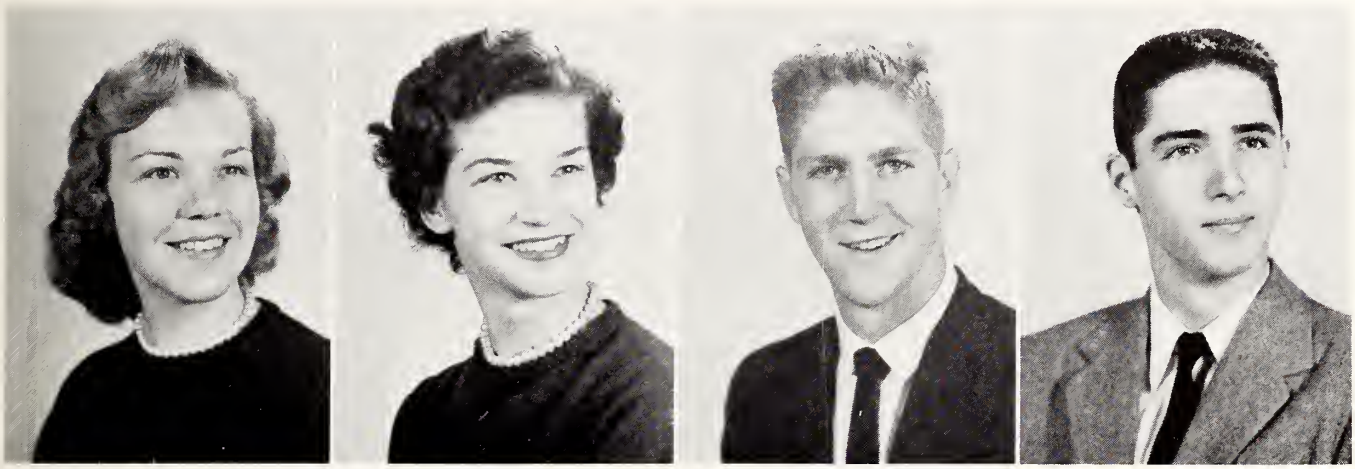


Doris Faye Newell

"Doris"

"Nothing can bring one peace but oneself."

Red Cross Representative 1; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 1; F.H.A. 2, 3; D.E. Club 4, Secretary; Homecoming Sponsor 4.

Martha Louise Nivens

"Martha"

"A humorous person has justly been regarded as the finest of poetic genius."

F.H.A. 1, 2; Y-Teens 3; D.E. Club 4.

Thomas La Fontine Odom

"Fountain"

"His spirit is the thought of boundless power."

Basketball 1; F.F.A. 1; Home Room President 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Baseball 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Class Vice-President 3; Class President 4; Best All-Around Boy 4; Most Talented Boy 4; D.E. Club 4.

Charles Howard Ogden

"Lightning"

"He took to his heels as fast as he could."

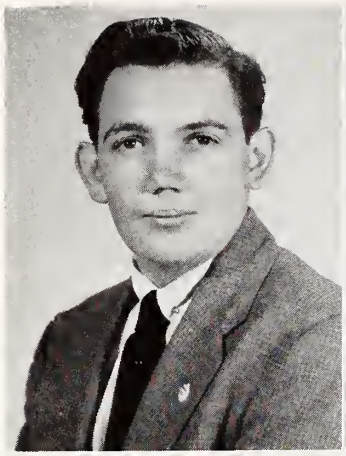
Band 1, 2; F.F.A. 1; 4-H Club 1; Football 3; F.T.A. 4; Bible Club 4.

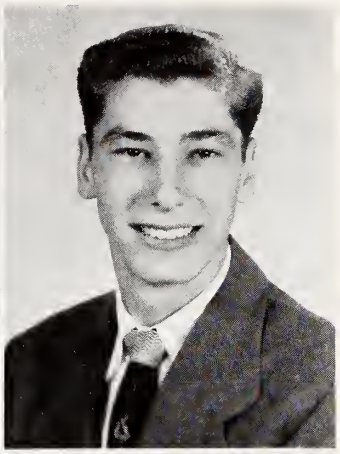
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Likely to Succeed

Mary McDaniel

Eston Riles





SENIORS..

Richard Curtis Ott

"Richard"

"Merely this and nothing more."

F.F.A. 1; Bible Club 3; Baseball 3; D.E. Club 4.

Larry Lee Pagoota

"Gootie"

"Life is too short to waste."

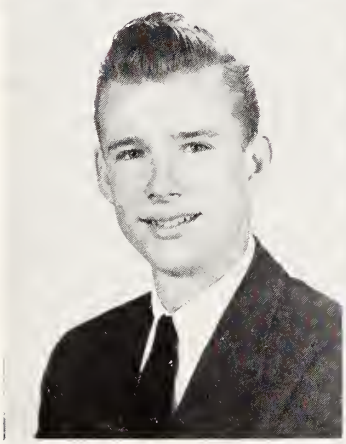
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 4; Basketball 1; Bus Driver 3, 4.

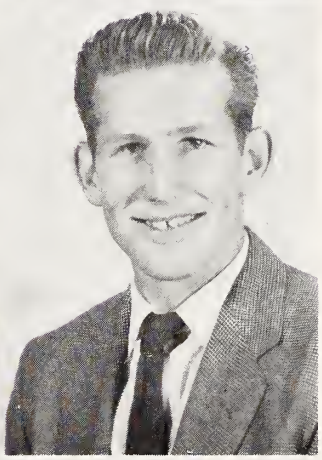
Roy Lynn Parker

"Roy"

"All may not do what has by this man been done."

Baseball 1; Glee Club 1; Red Cross Council 1, 3; 4-H Club 1, Vice-President; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Home Room President 4.





Martha Kurtis Phillips

"Martha"

"Her lilting voice reminds us of a brook."

4-H Club 1, 2, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Safety Patrol 1; Y-Teens 4.

George Arrise Pope

"George"

"His memory is purified."

F.F.A. 1; Baseball 1, 3; Basketball 1; Monogram Club 1; Substitute Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4.

James Samuel Porter

"Jimmy"

"As happy a man as any in the world, for the whole world seems to smile upon him."

F.F.A. 1, 2; Baseball 1; Glee Club 1, Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Monogram 3, 4.

Hazel Reid Potts

"Hazel"

"Every joy is gain; and gain is gain however small."

Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3; Vice-President; Softball 1; 4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1, 4; F.H.A. 1, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4, Vice-President 3; F.T.A. 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4.

William Michael Rappe

"Rappe the Catcher"

"Life is a struggle, but not a warfare."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Red Cross Representative 1; Football 2, 3; Red Cross Council 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 4, Treasurer.

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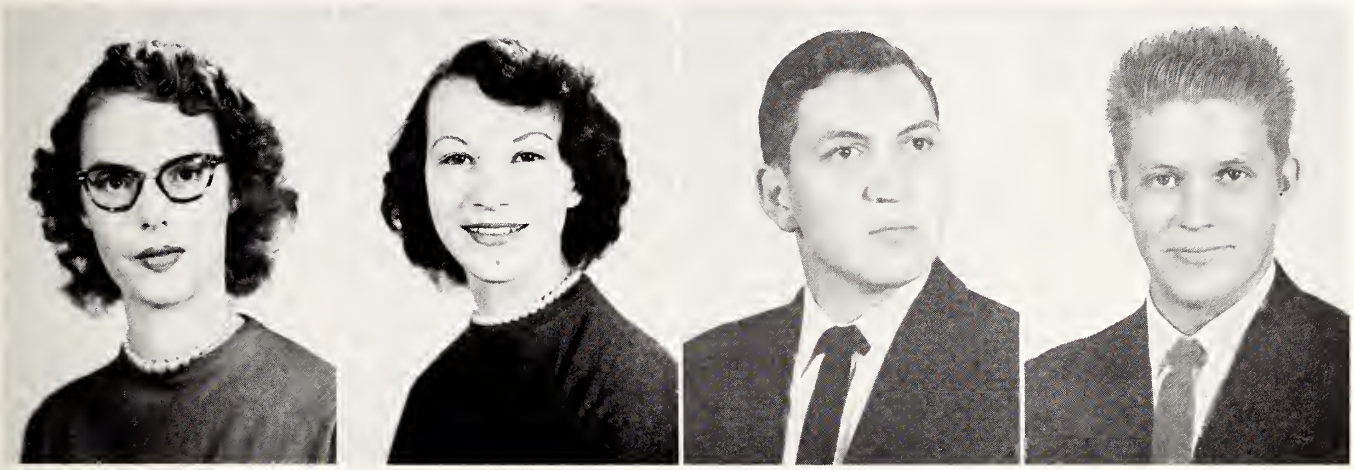


IRMA JUNE RAY

"FRECKLES"

"She does hate to be unquiet at home."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4, Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4.

KATHRYN VIRGINIA RAYBURN

"KAT"

"Her step is as the wind that weaves its playful way among the leaves."

4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

JOHN CURTIS RICHARDSON

"BIG JACK"

"The best teachers of kindness are the lives of great men."

F.F.A. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Library Club 1, 3, 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4; Bible Club 4.

COLEY BRUCE RILES, JR.

"BRUCE"

"He is able because he thinks he is able."

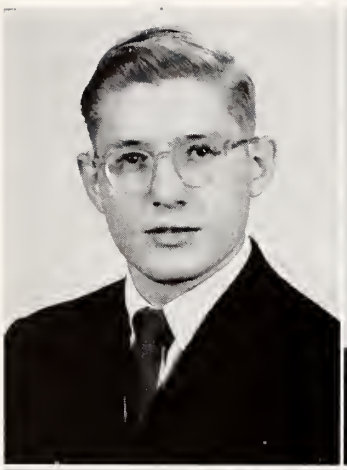
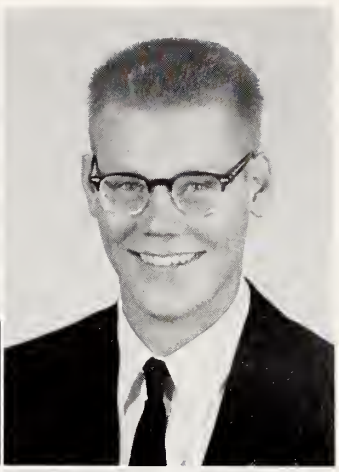
F.F.A. 1; Crop Judging Team 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; TOMAHAWK Staff 4.

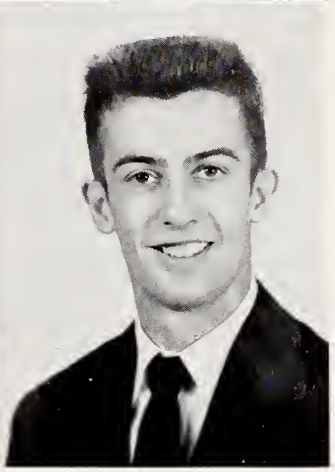
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

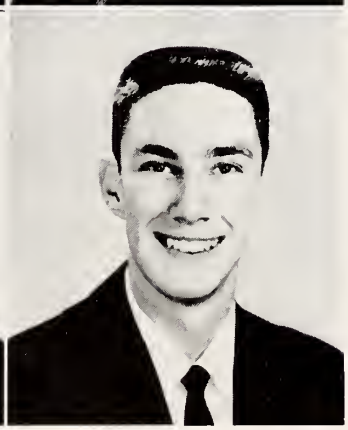
Best Personality

IRENE EDWARDS

DON SHAW





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Eston Lee Riles

"Stine"

"The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."

F.F.A. 1, President; Crop Judging Team 1; Cattle Judging Team 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; Boys' State 3; Home Room Officer 3, Secretary-Treasurer; Football 3, 4; Library Club 4; Most Likely to Succeed Boy 4; Most Studious Boy 4; Monogram Club 4; French Club 4; Student Council 4; Junior Rotarian 4.

Jimmy Paul Scott

"Jim"

"Give him a lever long enough and a prop strong enough and he can move the world."

Band 1, 2, 3, President 2, Secretary-Treasurer 3, Band Award 3; Student Council 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Home Room Officer 4, Vice-President 4; Junior Rotarian 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Donald Tracy Shaw

"Don"

"There is strength in looking to no one but oneself for anything."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Band Award; Home Room Officer 3, President; Student Council 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4; Best Personality Boy 4; French Club 4; Dramatics Club 4; Library Club 4.

James Ronald Shumate

"Hot Rod"

"An ounce of wit is worth a pound of sorrow."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, Vice-President 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Baseball 1; Library Club 4.

Sylvia Ann Sigmon

"Sissy"

"Here is the place where loveliness keeps house."

Girls' Chorus 1; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

John Thomas Simmons

"Tom"

"God bless the man who first invented sleep."

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 1, 2.

William Dean Simpson

"Flapper"

"His greatest inspiration is a challenge to attempt the impossible."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Red Cross Representative 1; Bus Driver 3, 4.

Wayne Reece Smith

"Smith"

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

Baseball 1; Basketball 1, 2, Captain 1; Home Room Officer 1, President; Glee Club 1, 2, Reporter 2; Captain of Safety Patrol 1; Football 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; Chairman District No. 6 W.D.N.S.C.C. 4; Library 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 3; Boys' State; Audio-Visual Club 3, 4; Homecoming Mascot 3, 4; Junior Rotarian 4; French Club 4; Most Popular Boy 4.

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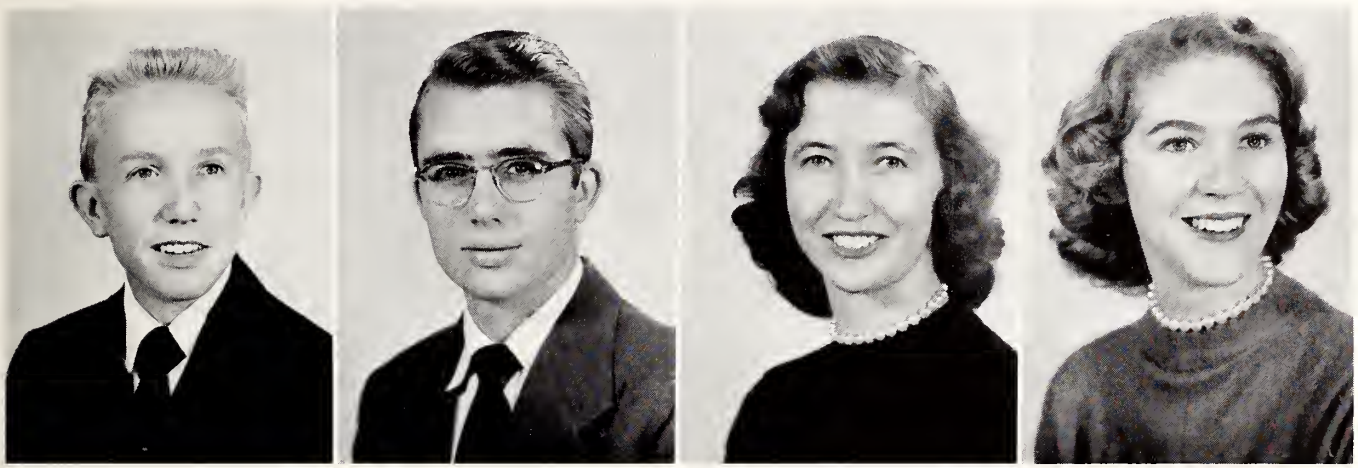


Edward Henry Springs

"Eddie"

"He's dreamed dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."

F.F.A. 1; Reporter; Judging Team 1; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary Tri-High Library Association 3; Secretary—South Piedmont District N.C.-H.S.L.A. 4, Vice-President 3, 4; Home Room Officer 2, President; Student Council 2; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4, Bible Club 4.

Donald Earl Stafford

"Don"

"He knew the lightest heart and the heights of success."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Bible Club 2, 4.

Gladys Kay Stafford

"Glad"

"Her holy thoughts a light have shed."

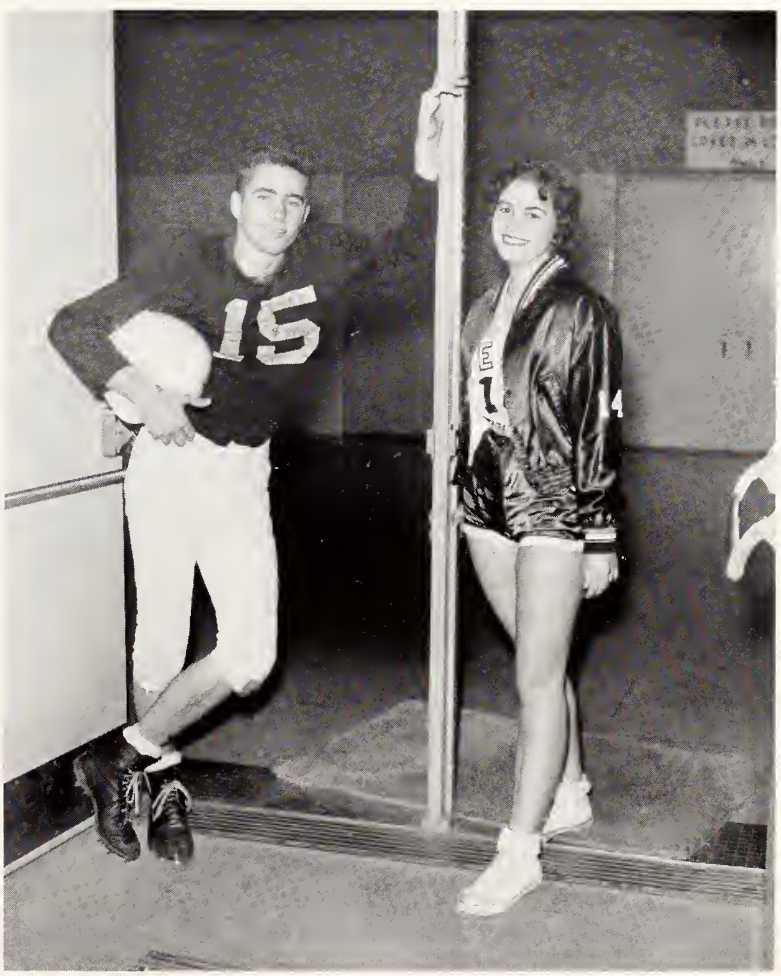
Basketball 1; F.H.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Y-Teens 2; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.

Marilyn Yvonne Stephens

"Steve"

"Something more than melody dwells ever in her words."

Glee Club 1; Girls' Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Bible 2, 3, 4.



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Best Sport

Irene Edwards

Bradford Watson

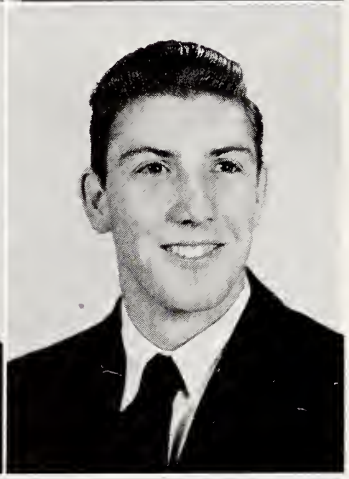
SENIORS . .

Martha Ann Stephenson

"Martha Ann"

"Naughty, but nice."

Home Room Officer 1, President; Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2; Library Club 3, 4; Y-Teens 4.



Elva Stewart

"Elva"

"Blushing is the color of virtue."

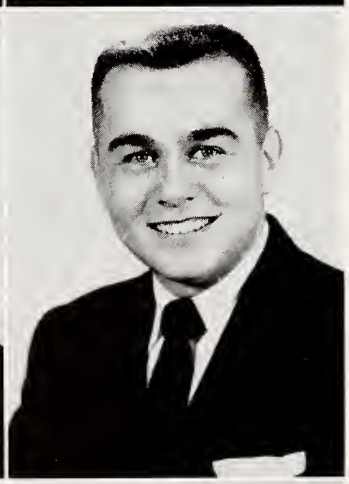
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; 4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; Y-Teens 2; Home Room Reporter 3.

Gloria Ellen Thomas

"Gloria"

"There are two ways of spreading light;
To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

F.H.A. 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 3, 4.



Charles Marion Thompson

"Charles"

"He is truly wise who gains wisdom from another's mishap."

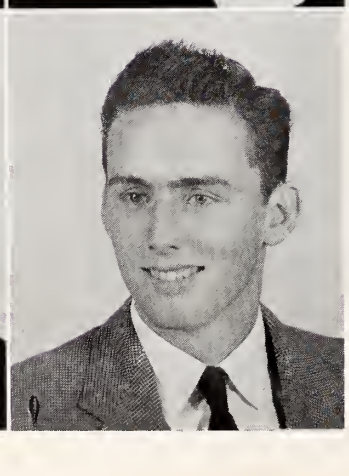
Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Bus Driver 2, 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3.

Betty Margaret Thornburg

"Thorny"

"The artist is a rare, rare breed."

Home Room Secretary 1; F.H.A. 1, Secretary; Red Cross Representative 1; Monogram Club 1; Librarian 1, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 3; Tomahawk Staff 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4; French Club 4, Interpreter; Beta Club 4.



Paul Douglas Thornburg

"Doug"

"Truth is beautiful and divine no matter how humble its origin."

4-H Club 1; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2; Library Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 4.

Reba Todd

"Clem"

"Loves thee so well, that all the world is hers."

Glee Club 1; Home Room Officer, 1, 2, Vice-President 1, Reporter 2; F.H.A. 1, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Y-Teens 2, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Library Club 4.

James Enoch Vandiver, Jr.

"Wild Man"

"He, the merry mischief-maker."

Basketball 1; Monogram Club 1, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Home Room Officer 1, 3, Treasurer 1, Reporter 3; Football 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3; Bible Club 4.

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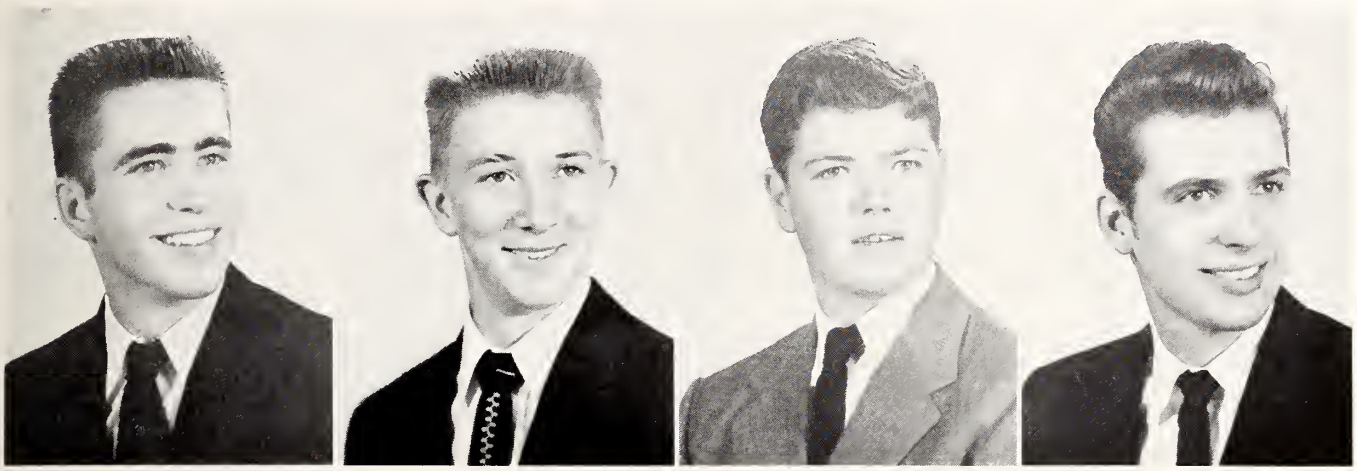


HARRISON BRADFORD WATSON

"BRAD"

"Wit is the salt of conversation."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 1; F.F.A. 1; Baseball 1, 2, 4, Captain 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

VERNON CARSON WATTS

"BER"

"To form a synonym for truth he does the best he can."

Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Home Room Officer 1, 2, Vice-President 2; 4-H Club 1; Salutatorian 1; Glee Club 1; F.F.A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Library Club 4.

DON WAYNE WHITSON

"WHIT"

"He Knows not when to be silent who knows not when to speak."

F.F.A. 1; D.E. Club 1, 2.

STANLEY L. WILKINSON

"STAN THE MAN"

"To give his head room, you had best unroof the house."

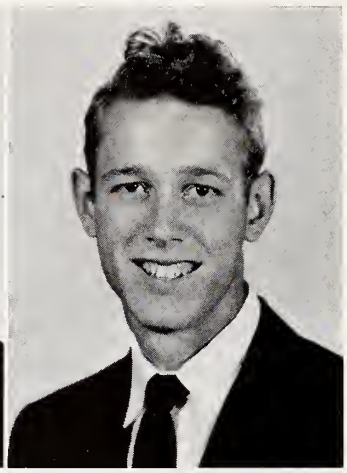
Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Bible Club 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Best Looking

SARA MATTOX

JOHNNY CROOK



SENIORS..

Glenda June Wilson

"Glenda"

"In public her face turneth to thee, and pleasant her smile when ye meet."

Glee Club 1, accompanist; F.H.A. 1, 2; Home Room Officer 2, President; Student Council 2; Glee Club 3, 4; Y-Teens 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4; Tomahawk 4; F.T.A. 4.

Harry Hall Wingate

"Curley"

"Born of success, he seemed with grace to win, with heart to hold, with shining gifts that took all eyes."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3; Bible Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

James Allan Wingate

"Nutty Buddy"

"Speak to me—not of me!"

Glee Club 1; Baseball 1; Librarian 1; 4-H Club 1; Home Room Officer 4, Secretary-Treasurer; Library Club 4.

Phyllis Ann Wise

"Phyllis"

"With gentle voice and smile she leads the crowd."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1; Captain of Safety Patrol 1; Home Room Officer 2, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Y-Teens 3, 4, President 4; Homecoming Sponsor 4; Student Council 4; Tomahawk Staff 4.

Martha Lee Wright

"Lee Wright"

"She moves a goddess, and she looks a queen."

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3, Reporter 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Glee Club 1; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4, Head 1, 4; 4-H Club 1, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Red Cross Representative 1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Sponsor 2, 3, 4; Home Room Officer 2, 3, Reporter 2, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Class Beauty 3; Junior Marshal 3; Carrousel Princess 4; Tomahawk Staff 4; French Club 4; Miss Dairy Queen 4.

William Edward Yandle

"Ed"

"All great men are dying; I don't feel well myself."

Home Room Officer 1, Vice-President; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Library Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4, Reporter 4; Dramatics Play 4; Football 4; Monogram Club 4; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 4.

Ronald Gene York

"Ron"

"A man's first care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart."

Bible Club 2; Substitute Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; D.E. Club 3; Dramatics Club 4.

Robert Fred Younce

"Foots"

"Fortune was his guard and lover."

Home Room Officer 1, Treasurer; Glee Club 1; Football 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; D.E. Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; President Western District D.E. 4.

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LORETTA ANN YOUNG

"RELLA ANN"

"What is a stronger breastplate than a heart untainted."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Chief Marshal 1, 3; Basketball 1; Red Cross Representative 1; Softball 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, President 4; D.A.R. Award 2; History Award 2; Girls' State Award 3; Beta Club 3; *Bow and Arrow* Staff 3, 4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; F.T.A. 3, 4, Tri-Hi F.T.A. 3, 4; TOMAHAWK Staff 3, 4; French Club 4; Student Council 4; Safety Project 4, Co-Director.

Not Pictured:

RICHARD SMITH

"RED"

4-H Club 1; F.F.A. 1; Bible Club 3; D.E. Club 4.

RAYMOND HUGH THROWER

"HEADED"

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Talented

SARA MELTON

LA FONTINE ODOM

CLASS DAY OFFICERS

IRENE EDWARDS ..... *Class Historian*
DORIS KEEVER ..... *Class Lawyer*
JERRY HUNTER ..... *Class Lawyer*
BILL BROWNING ..... *Class Prophet*
LEWIS JONES ..... *Class Prophet*
IRIS BENTON ..... *Class Poet*

CLASS POEM

Dear ole West to you we owe
The happiest years we will ever know;
They have been filled with work and fun
That did not cease with the setting sun.

Seems as if it were yesterday
When we began on life's long way.
We've all worked hard, and we've all worked long;
And we have done right, and we have done wrong.

We have gained knowledge through the years
That we hope will increase as Graduation nears;
We'll try to remember each hour and each day,
The times we were sad, and times we were gay.

As we look back, we see our mistakes,
And a feeling of sadness it now awakes;
We know we'll try harder in the coming days
To better and improve our imperfect ways.

Time passes quickly as we all know,
And out into the world we must go.
Fond memories of you we shall always hold
In the coming years as we grow old.

CLASS MOTTO

We're leaving today to be remembered tomorrow.

FLOWER

Red Rose

COLOR

Red and White

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Chief Marshals

MARY ANNE SLEDGE

DAVID GARRISON

The ten Juniors with the highest scholastic averages are annually designated Junior Marshals. They act as ushers at the Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises. Of these the two with the highest averages are given the honor of leading the Seniors as they "walk the last mile" on graduation night.

The Marshals for 1956 are: *front row, left to right,* Janet Kelly, Mary Anne Sledge, Frances McCall; *back row,* Richard Parker, Wayne Hatley, David Garrison, Robert Miller, David Dilling, Roger Palmer, and Carrol Pate.

J U N I O R S

Johnny Wood	*President*
Jimmy Graham	*Vice-President*
Marianne Swink	*Secretary*
Ned Lyerly	*Treasurer*

CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

First row:

Nancy Abernethy
Mildred Alexander
Nancy Allison
Earl Ammons
Nancy Bailey
Larry Baker

Second row:

Linda Barnes
Janet Bechtel
Malcolm Bentley
Evelyn Berryhill
Edwin Biltcliff
Tommy Birmingham

Third row:

Steele Blankenship
Migene Blythe
Sylvia Bolick
Barbara Boyd
Doris Bradshaw
David Bragg

Fourth row:

Catherine Brown
Walter Brown
George Bruton
Jim Burke
Ronnie Bryant
Olin Caldwell

JUNIORS . . . . .

First row:

Kenneth Canaday
Sylvia Canipe
Ruth Canup
Margie Carlson
Frances Carothers
Barbara Carpenter

Second row:

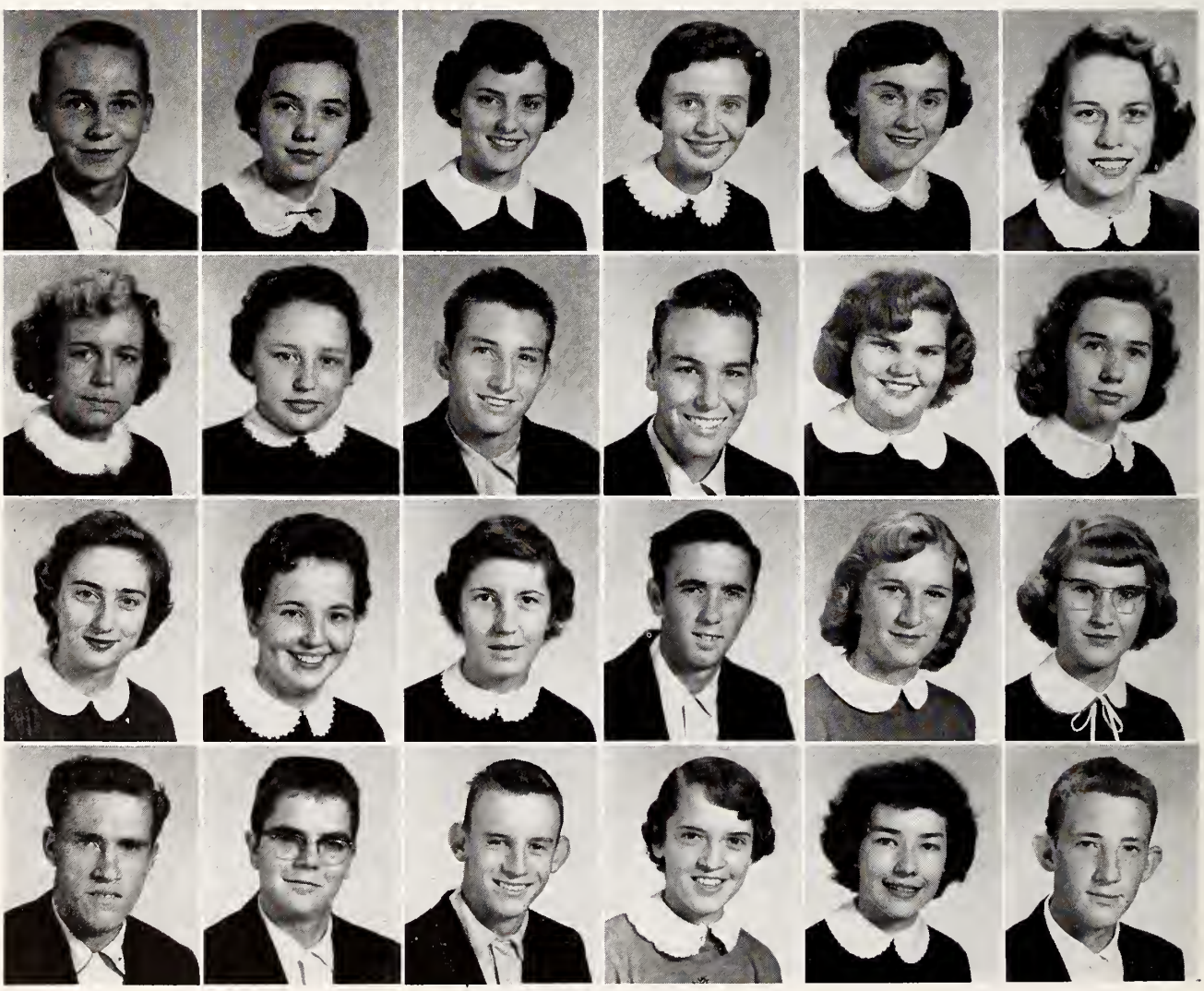
Jo Ann Carpenter
Toncie Cauble
Bob Champion
Sammy Choate
Barbara Clawson
Gayle Cochrane

Third row:

Sarah Costner
Mildred Collier
Becky Cox
Jimmy Crawford
Deloris Crump
Mary Ann Davenport

Fourth row:

Bill Dellinger
Charles Derrick
Don Deshields
Peggie Dickens
Becky Dilling
David Dilling



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First row:

Gloria Doster
Linda Drake
Lloyd Eaton
Ann Edwards
Lynda Ellington
Gene Elliott

Second row:

Bobby Ellis
Ralph Ellis
Carolyn Eury
Ronny Ewing
Frances Farmer
Marion Foard

Third row:

Bobby Freeman
Frances Gaddy
Sue Galloway
David Garrison
J. C. Gosnell
George Graham

Fourth row:

Jimmy Graham
Joyce Greene
Jimmy Grey
Connie Grubb
Hazel Hager
Jimmy Hamilton

JUNIORS . . . . .

First row:

Margaret Hamilton
Billy Hammer
Bobby Hammond
Reggie Hartley
Shirley Hatfield
Wayne Hatley

Second row:

George Hattrich
Helen Hayer
Shirley Helms
Annie Mae Helton
Jack Henderson
Ned Henson

Third row:

Jerry Hipp
Jack Hodge
Melvin Howell
Mary Humphries
Eddy Ingram
Eddy Ivey

Fourth row:

Bobby James
Marion Jennings
John Johns
Dan Johnson
Pat Johnston
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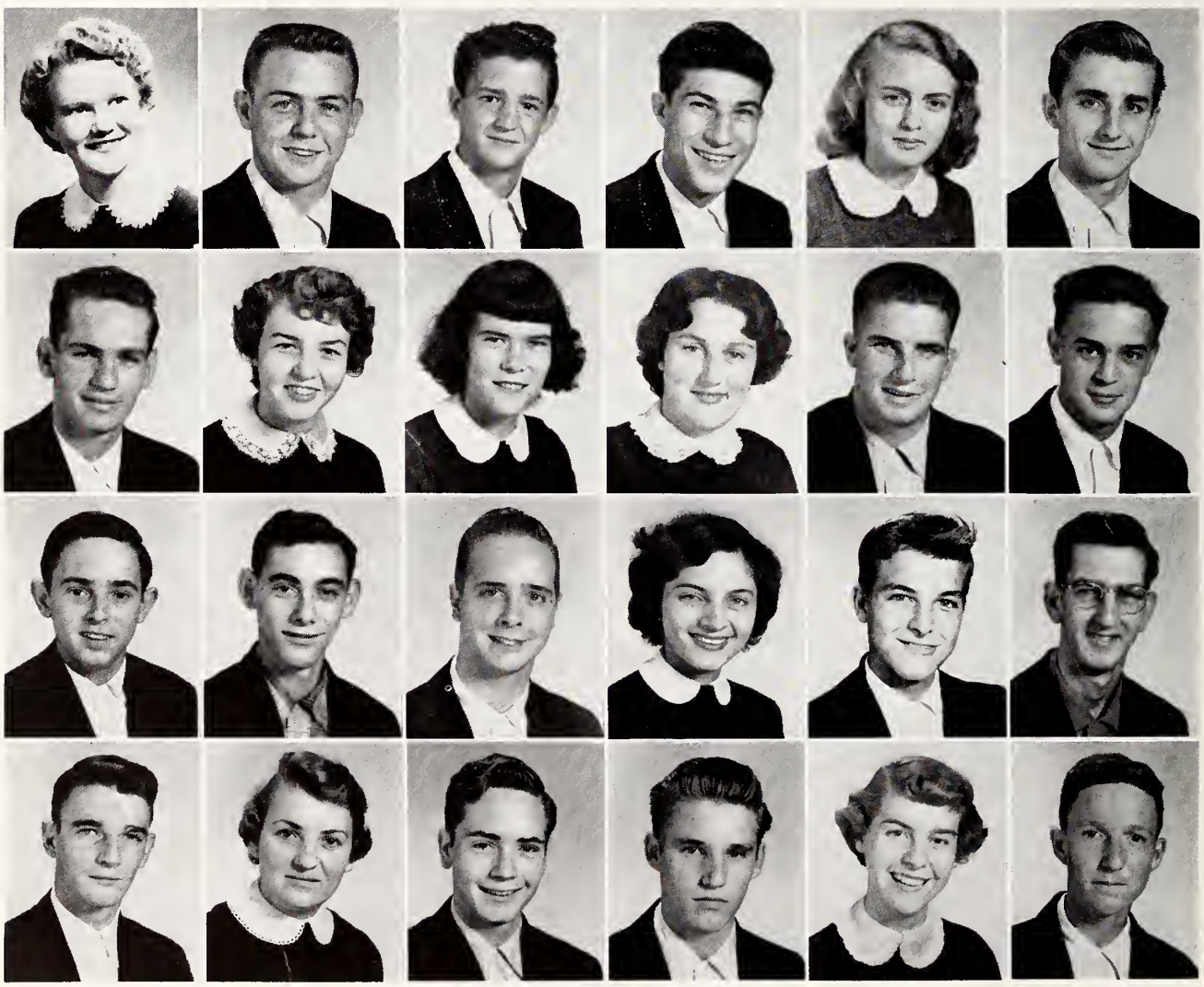

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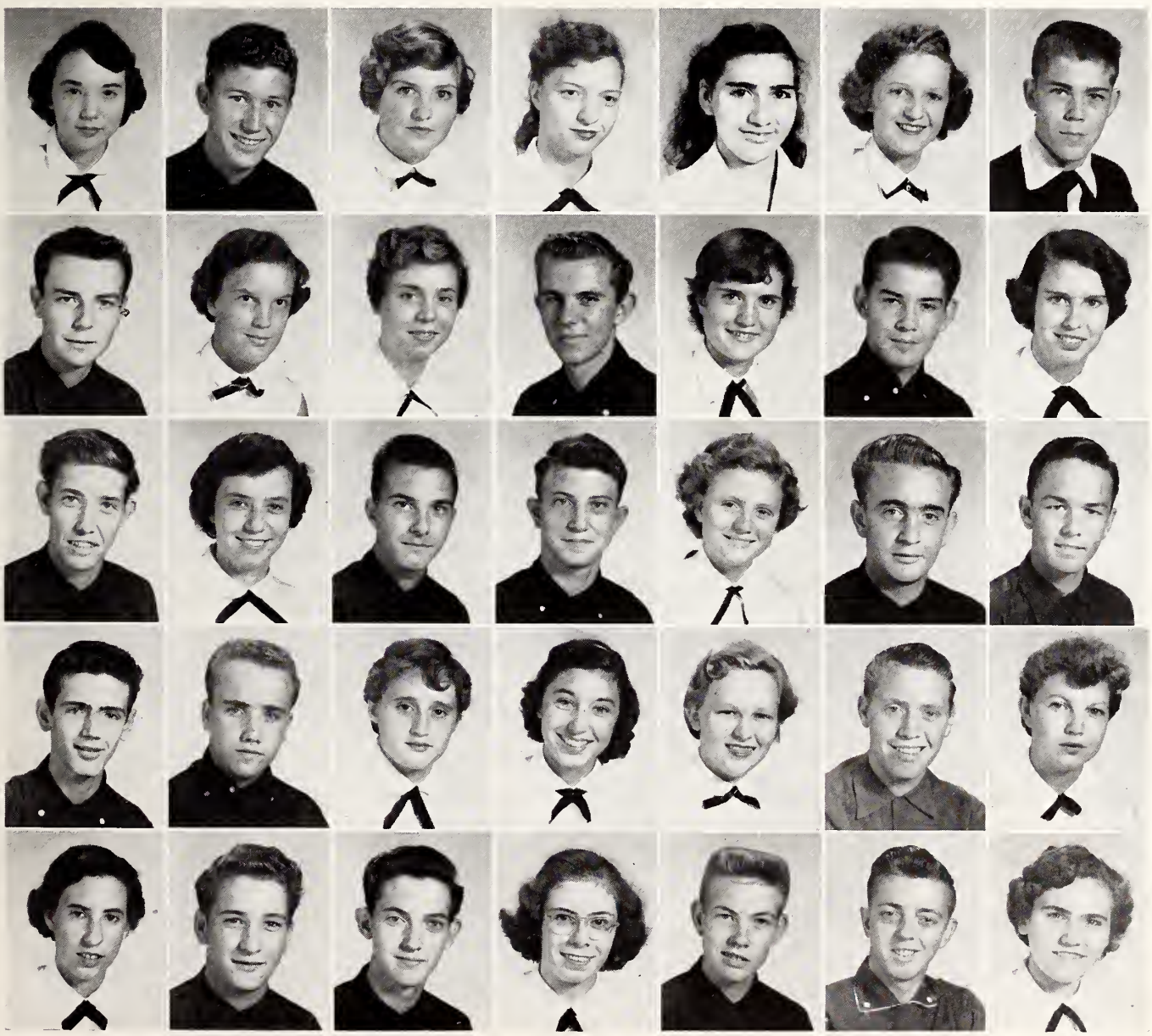

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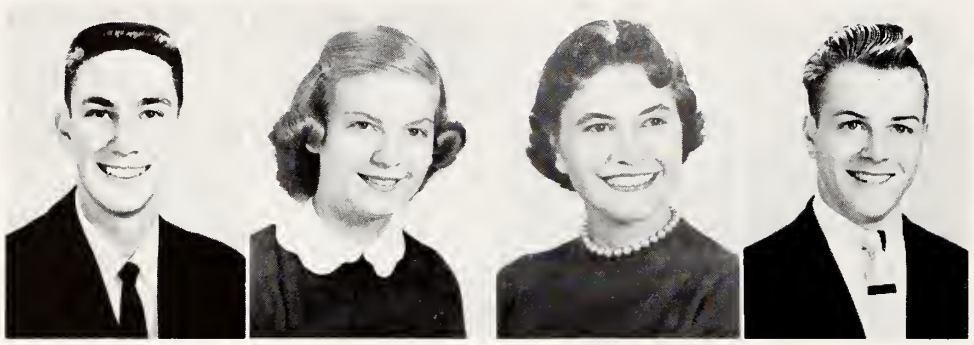

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C O U N C I L

"The Student Council will meet today in Room 13 at 5th Period." This announcement is heard many times during the school year and pertains to student participation in the government of West Mecklenburg.

The council, which meets twice a month, is made up of home room presidents, Club presidents, class presidents, Editor and Business Manager of the annual, Editor of the school paper, head cheerleader, and the four council officers.

Each member serves on a standing or temporary committee sometime during the year.

The Student Council plays an important role in every school day.

Miss Lillian Rogers
Advisor

First row:
Tommy Dickerson
Jo Ann Elliott
Bobby Ellis
Ralph Ellis
Betty Freeman
Becky Gordon

Second row:
Dillard Jones
Lewis Jones
Anne Jordan
Sara Mattox
Mary McDaniel
Bill Neely

Third row:
Jerry Smith
Vera Thompson
Johnny Woods
Don Wright
Martha Lee Wright
Loretta Young

BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club plays a very important part in the spiritual guidance of the students of West Mecklenburg. Its members are: George Ausley, Mary Ann Ausley, Nancy Bailey, Larry Baker, Peggy Ballinger, Linda Barnes, Ronald Bass, Janet Bechtel, Nancy Beckham, Evelyn Berryhill, Jimmy Bigger, Migene Blythe, Ronnie Bozardt, Janice Bolick, Sylvia Bolick, Doris Bradshaw, Larry Brafford, Darrell Brotherton, Katherine Brown, Martha Brown, Porter Brown, Walter Brown, Diane Caldwell, Olin Caldwell, Becky Campbell, Bud Cannon, Pat Capps, Judy Carithers, Frances Carothers, Barbara Carpenter, Jo Ann Carpenter, Toncie Cauble, Sylvia Chandler, Bob Cloninger, Gayle Cochrane, Robert Cole, Gayle Cook, Sara Costner, Larry Covington, Carol Culp, Lessie Culp, Delle Darby, Gloria Davis, Yvonne Davis, Sonny Deese, Bill Dellinger, Charles Derrick, Edwin Derrick, Don Deshields, Ray Deshields, David Dilling, Gloria Doster, Linda Drake, Loyd Eaton, Ann Edwards, Jo Ann Elliott, Marie Elliott, Brenda Estes, Betty Jo Freeman, Frances Gaddy, Sue Galloway, Thelma Gladen, Joyce Griffin, David Guy, George Guy, Hazel Hager, Billy Hammer, Bobby Hammer, Beverly Harris, Reggie Hartley, Dean Haskett, Shirley Hatfield, Betty Helms, Maxine Helms, Shirley Helms, Dee Hicks, Jack Hodge, Barney Holder, Jerry Hull, Rena Huggins, Donald Hullunder, Linda Hullunder, Mary Humphries, Eddie Ingram, Marion Jennings, Jeannie Johnston, Patricia Johnston, Judy Jones, Lewis Jones, *Vice-President;* Ida Pearl Keistler, Robert Kelly, Ronnie Kendrick, Midge Kirby, Shirley Kiser, Shirley Ledford, Helen Lisk, Jimmy Long, Nancy Lowman, Jo Ann Lynn.

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BETA CLUB

The aim of the Beta Club is to promote leadership while encouraging scholarship. It is made up of students who have a high scholastic standing and who also show signs of becoming leaders. In the Beta Club these talents are developed along with others to create leaders who will help our school now and our nation in years to come.

The members of this club are: Walter Brown, Ida Mae Byrd, David Dilling, Loretta Dilling, Irene Edwards, Jo Ann Elliott, David Garrison, Connie Grubb, Robena Hamrick, Wayne Hatley, Violet Helms, Dillard Jones, Anne Jordan, Doris Keever, Janet Kelly, Ruth Ann Love, Jane Lowe, Frances McCall, Mary McDaniel, Robert Miller, Roger Palmer, Carroll Pate, Richard Parker, Janet Preslar, Eston Riles, Jimmy Scott, Mary Ann Sledge, Betty Thornburg, Carson Watts, Martha Lee Wright, Loretta Young, Mrs. Frances Ross, *Sponsor*.

Jo Ann Elliott ..... *President*
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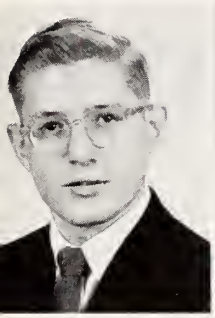

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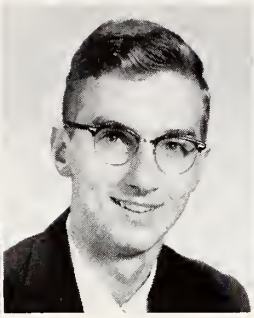

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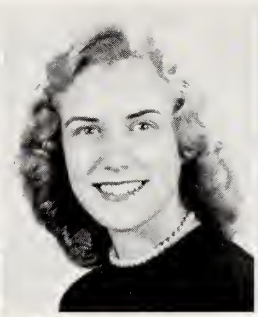

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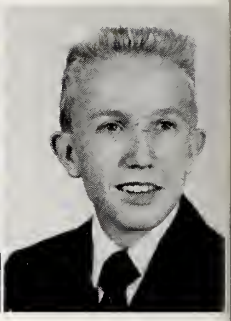

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Art Editor

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The Editorial Staff works diligently to get the Tomahawk ready for press. The write-ups, illustrations, and photographs are its responsibilities. Members of the staff are: Eston Riles, *Editor-in-Chief;* David Garrison, *Associate Editor;* Copy Staff—Iris Benton, *Editor;* Writers—Becky Campbell, Walter Brown; Typists—Iris Bailey, Joyce Greene, Mary Walters, Loretta Young; Photography Staff—Mary McDaniel, *Editor;* Martha Lee Wright, *Group Editor;* Dorothy Gilliam, Jane Lowe, Bobby Poston, Phyllis Wise; Layout Editor—Betty Thornburg; Art Staff—Eddie Springs, *Editor;* Betty Freeman; Miss Lillian Rogers, *Advisor.*

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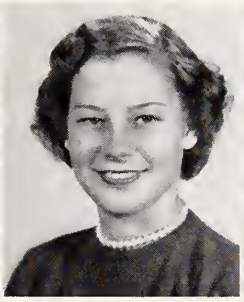

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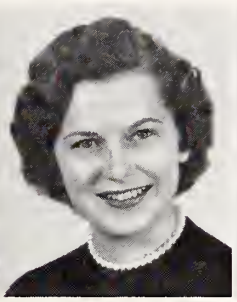

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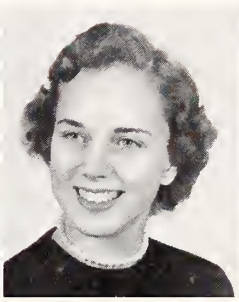

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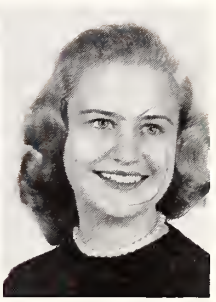

Sara Mattox
Business Manager

STAFF

Without the business staff there would be no Tomahawk. This staff can be thanked for the splendid job it has done in selling advertisements and being responsible for the many financial details. Making up this staff are: Sara Mattox, *Business Manager;* Adrienne Brown, *Bookkeeper;* Ads Staff—Robena Hamrick, *Manager;* Jo Ann Adams, Mary Humphries, Ida Pearl Keistler, Bruce Riles, Glenda Wilson; Ad Copy Staff—Jo Ann Elliott, *Editor;* Mary Ann Sledge; Circulation Staff—Carolyn Montgomery, *Manager;* Marjorie Carlson, Lessie Culp, Henry Jamieson; Mrs. Jo Foster, *Advisor.*

BOW AND ARROW

LORETTA YOUNG, *Editor-in-Chief*

JERRY HUNTER, *Business Manager*

Our school paper, *The Bow and Arrow,* which is published each six weeks, tells of events of importance that are happening at West. The publications are looked forward to by the student body, and are read with enjoyment by all. It is published by these students: Jo Ann Adams, Margie Auten, Iris Bailey, Libby Brock, George Bruton, Ida May Byrd, Buddy Caldwell, Marjorie Carlson, Norman Chambers, Sammy Choate, Johnny Crook, David Dilling, Jo Ann Elliott, Betty Jo Freeman, Bobbie Jean Frye, Jimmy Graham, Joyce Greene, Robena Hamrick, Melvin Howell, Mary Humphries, Jerry Hunter, John Johns, David Johnson, Ann Jordan, Helen Lisk, Ruth Ann Love, Sallye Mauldwin, Sarah Melton, Carolyn Montgomery, Roger Palmer, Kathryn Rayburn, Jimmy Scott, Eddie Springs, Gloria Thomas, Bradford Watson, Glenda Wilson, Johnny Wood, Edward Yandle, Loretta Young; *Advisors*: Mrs. Frances Gregory, Mrs. Eloise Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Kiser, Miss Barbara Lashley, Miss Mildred Newton, Mr. Charles Pearson.

LIBRARY CLUB

IRIS BENTON .....*President*

EDDIE SPRINGS .....*Vice-President*

SARA MATTOX .....*Secretary-Treasurer*

ED YANDLE .....*Reporter*

Have you ever thought of a school without a library? We all agree that this would cause much hardship on us students, but is that any worse than a library without librarians? Yes, we must confess that the librarian is essential to a good library. The students enrolled in the Library Club at West Mecklenburg are aware of the fact that their job is to be helpful and cheerful to those using the library. Another of their projects is taking charge of the visual-aids room, which proves very helpful to the teachers in their use of films.

The members of the Library Club are: Nancy Abernathy, Nancy Allison, Larry Baker, Ronald Bass, Iris Benton, Janice Bolick, Catherine Brown, Bill Browning, Bill Bush, Ida Mae Byrd, Bud Cannon, Frances Carothers, Norman Chambers, Bob Cloninger, Lavinia Cox, Jewell Dellinger, Loretta Dilling, Gloria Doster, Jo Ann Elliott, Helen Haver, Eddie Higgins, Barney Holder, Mary Humphries, Yvonne Grass, Marion Jennings, David Johnson, Ray Kestler, Shirley Kiser, Bruce Knight, Sara Knox, Jimmy Little, Glenda Loftis, Ruth Ann Love, Sara Mattox, Judy Mauldwin, Sue Medlin, Carolyn Montgomery, Betty Jo Moses, Jimmy McGee, Roger Palmer, Barbara Parks, Bobby Poston, Irma Ray, Jack Richardson, Eston Riles, Dewey Sanders, Don Shaw, Ronnie Shumate, Rodney Sigmon, Wayne Smith, Eddie Springs, Martha Stephenson, Jewell Stikeleather, Carmen Tadlock, Reba Todd, Betty Thornburg, Douglas Thornburg, Carson Watts, Joyce Wingate, Edward Yandle, Mrs. Helen Barr, *Sponsor*.

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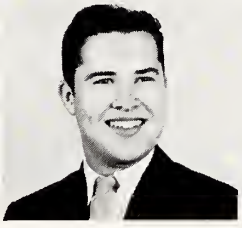

Mary McDaniel
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Secretary-Treasurer

Buddy Caldwell
Reporter

Few of us have ever come in close contact with a true disaster, but if this were to happen, we would truly be grateful to our *American Red Cross*. Our council here at West is one of many all over the United States, but we are all working for the same purpose—"To help promote the services of the Red Cross." The students serving on the council have been elected by their home room, and in their hearts carry a feeling of pride to be a part of such a great organization.

Composing the council are: Iris Benton, Ida Mae Byrd, Buddy Caldwell, Sylvia Canipe, Pat Capps, Gale Cochran, Yvonne Davis, Connie Grubb, Knoxie Hoover, Linda Hullender, Glenda Loftis, Vivian Looper, Jane Lowe, Mary McDaniel, Melvin Motsinger, Harriet Moore, Barbara Pangle, Kenneth Shrum, Nancy Vinesett, Doris Williams, Mrs. Frances Martin, *Sponsor*.

DRAMATICS

"Curtain going up"—this phrase is heard as the Dramatics Club prepares its annual 3-act play. Much practice, costume fitting, make-up preparation, and directing go into making this presentation a success.

As it is not possible for all students to have speaking parts, a portion of the class serves on costume, make-up, and stage committees, but all are excited as the curtain rises, and all hold their breath as each character speaks. Yes—it's true that all members of the Dramatics Club work hard, but have fun doing it.

Norris Hoover ..... *President*
Lewis Jones ..... *Vice-President*
Harry Mullis ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
Ed Yandle ..... *Reporter*

The members of the club are: Shelbie Beatty, Larry Brafford, Martha Bright, Norman Chambers, Lavinia Cox, Johnny Crook, Irene Edwards, Fannie Mae High, Norris Hoover, Lewis Jones, Sue Medlin, Harry Mullis, Don Shaw, Gladys Stafford, Sylvia Thornburg, Reba Todd, Edward Yandle, Ron York, Mrs. Marilyn Lovett, *Sponsor.*

GLEE CLUB

The purpose of the Glee Club is to encourage appreciation of better music and acquaint the student body with various kinds of music. The club, under the able direction of Mr. Charles Pearson, has a full schedule through the year. Annually they give a Christmas concert for the student body. Among their other activities are a trip to Davidson in February, the District Festival in March, and the State Festival at Greensboro in April. Another highlight is an all-day meeting with other Glee Clubs, held in the spring for the purpose of practicing for the Mecklenburg County Festival.

SAMMY CHOATE ..... *President*
SARAH MELTON ..... *Vice-President*
JOHNNY WOOD ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
MARY HUMPHRIES ..... *Librarian*

The members of the Glee Club are: Peggy Ballinger, Nancy Beckham, Sylvia Bolick, Libby Brock, Sylvia Canipe, Ruth Canupe, Judy Carithers, Marjorie Carlson, Shirley Carter, Sammy Choate, Gayle Cochrane, Yvonne Davis, Bill Dellinger, Tommy Dickerson, Lloyd Eaton, Ann Edwards, Lynda Ellington, Bobbie Jean Frye, Jimmy Graham, Connie Grubb, Helen Hager, Mary Humphries, Jeannie Johnston, Janet Kelly, Martha Kirby, Laura Larson, Beverly Ledford, Grady Love, Jane Melton, Sara Melton, Martha Phillips, Hazel Potts, Phyllis Price, Kenneth Shrum, Phyllis Sigmon, Gladys Stafford, Carmen Tadlock, Vera Thompson, Sandra Thomson, Sylvia Thornburg, Arnold Thrower, Judy Veneman, Loyd Watkins, Doris Williams, Glenda Wilson, Joyce Wingate, Harold Winters, Johnny Wood, Mr. Charles Pearson, *Director.*

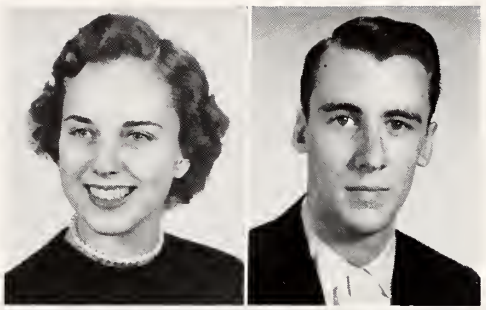
BAND

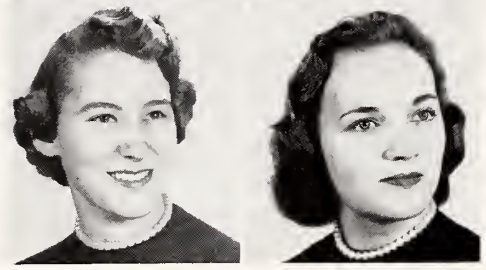
"We're little but we're loud," this is the way the band of West Mecklenburg feels. Although small in number, they are mighty in talent, and their efforts are appreciated by all.

The band spends many hours practicing to present chapel programs that prove very enjoyable to the Student Body. We all feel that "West High's Band deserves a hand."

DAVID PANGLE ..... *President*
RONNIE SHUMATE ..... *Vice-President*
BILL BROWNING ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
JACK RICHARDSON ..... *Reporter*

The members of the Band are: George Ausley, Douglas Beckham, Bill Browning, Jimmy Burke, Walter Hicks, Gloria Huffman, Larry Pagoota, David Pangle, Richard Reed, Jack Richardson, Bruce Riles, Doug Shaw, Ronnie Shumate, Vondale Tucker, Miss Nancy Duncan, *Director.*





F. T. A.

A growing interest in the teaching profession has gained many new members for the Future Teachers of America Club here at West. Enjoyable programs are planned and valuable information gained, enabling the future-educators to learn the qualities of a good teacher and to try to better meet the requirements of the job.

ROBENA HAMRICK ..... *President*
JOHNNY WOOD ..... *Vice-President*
LESSIE CULP ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
HELEN LISK ..... *Reporter*

The members of the F.T.A. are: Nancy Abernathy, Evelyn Berryhill, Migene Blythe, Adrienne Brown, George Bruton, Judy Carithers, Toncie Cauble, Sarah Costner, Becky Cox, Lessie Culp, Yvonne Davis, Bill Dellinger, Linda Drake, Carolyn Ewing, Betty Jo Freeman, Joyce Greene, David Guy, Robena Hamrick, Norris Hoover, Mary Humphries, Judy Jones, Jeannie Johnston, Ida Pearl Keistler, Janet Kelly, Helen Lisk, Sallye Mauldwin, Mary McDaniel, Jane Melton, Sara Melton, Howard Ogden, Hazel Potts, Ann Pratt, Sylvia Rivenbark, Douglas Shaw, Marianne Swink, Richard Thompson, Sandra Thompson, Vera Thompson, Sylvia Thornburg, Arnold Thrower, Wilma Toole, Doris Williams, Glenda Wilson, Johnny Wood, Martha Lee Wright, Loretta Young, Mrs. Jo Foster, *Sponsor.*

D. E. CLUB

The purpose of the D.E. Club is to acquaint students with the world of business that they will face after graduation.

The students enrolled in Distributive Education attend classes daily, and are excused early to report to their respective jobs. They feel that they benefit in experience through the D.E. Program. To take the course a student must be sixteen years old and a Junior or Senior in high school. He must also have a genuine interest in people, and be able to get along well with his employer. In order for a student to benefit from the D.E. Program, he must enjoy his work and be willing to give up some outside interests.

EUGENE BAKER ..... *President*
BONNIE RAE GRISSOM ..... *Vice-President*
DORIS NEWELL ..... *Secretary*
FREDDIE YOUNCE ..... *Treasurer*

The members of the club are: Gene Baker, Larry Baker, Gary Bechtel, Martha Britt, Bobby Brock, Van Clawson, Wayne Cox, Don Deshield, Bill Griffith, Bonnie Rae Grissom, Benny Hager, Phil Harmon, Reggie Hartley, George Hattrich, Bobby James, Doris Keever, Dean King, Jimmy Little, Judy Mauldwin, Rudie Medlin, Scott Mikeal, Ray Mingus, Edmund Moore, Doris Newell, Martha Nivens, La Fontine Odom, Richard Ott, Jimmy Parks, Delores Reames, Richard Smith, Raymond Thrower, Don Whitson, Fred Younce, Miss Brabston Brown, *Sponsor.*

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America Club plays a big role in the school year for every girl interested in homemaking. The purpose of the club is to create more interest in the activities of true womanhood.

IRIS BENTON ..... *President*

SARA MATTOX ..... *Vice-President*

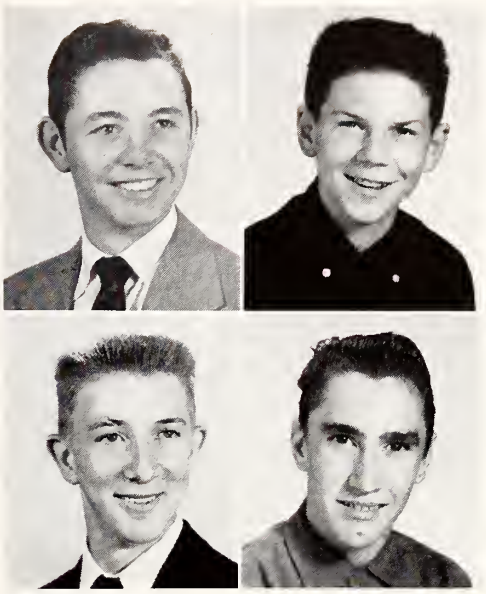
ROBENA HAMRICK ..... *Secretary*

LESSIE CULP ..... *Treasurer*

The members of the F.H.A. are: Barbara Adams, Jo Ann Adams, Nancy Abernathy, Betty Alexander, Mildred Alexander, Linda Baker, Peggy Ballinger, Shelbie Beatty, Iris Benton, Migene Blythe, Sylvia Bolick, Martha Bright, Martha Britt, Chippy Brotherton, Adrienne Brown, Phyllis Brown, Judy Burgin, Patsy Bryant, Dottie Caldwell, Becky Campbell, Sylvia Canipe, Ruth Canup, Pat Capps, Judy Carithers, Margie Carlson, Doris Cline, Gale Cochran, Mildred Collier, Gayle Cook, Sara Costner, Becky Cox, Lessie Culp, Delle Darby, Ann Edwards, Jo Ann Elliott, Brenda Estes, Christy Ferguson, Betty Jo Freeman, Brenda Freeman, Bobby Jean Frye, Gwen Gibson, Becky Gordon, Connie Grubb, Yvonne Grass, Linda Gragg, Joyce Griffith, Lu Ann Guignard, Sue Hager, Jo Ann Hammond, Robena Hamrick, Roberta Hargrove, Shirley Hatfield, June Haynes, Becky Helms, Maxine Helms, Suzanne Helms, Violet Helms, Dora Sue Hendrick, Rena Huggins, Linda Hullender, Mary Humphries, Nancy Ann Jennings, Patricia Johnston, Ida Pearl Keistler, Janet Kelly, Martha Kirby, Viva Lane, Vivian Looper, Nancy Lowman, Marta Lukevics, Sara Mattox, Evelyn Mitchell, Carolyn Montgomery, Harriett Moore, Frances McCall, Libby Phillips, Jane Price, Phyllis Price, Phyllis Sigmon, Kay Simpler, Jewel Stikeleather, Phyllis Smith, Sammie Southerland, Vernell Swing, Barbara Tidwell, Shirley Thomas, Ann Thompson, Vera Thompson, Brenda Thornburg, Shirley Trull, Keitha Watson, Martha Lee Wright, Mrs. Frances Martin, *Sponsor*.

F. F. A.

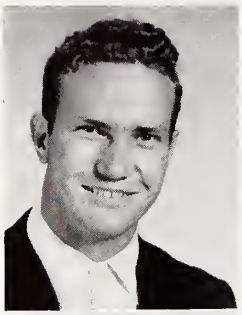
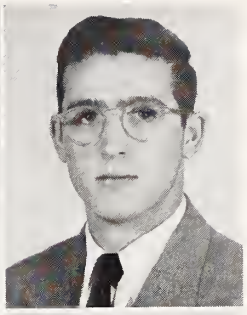
For those boys interested in any phase of agriculture, the F.F.A. offers helpful suggestions. The boys belonging to the club have various projects to be done throughout the year, and also serve on judging teams to gain ideas and experience.

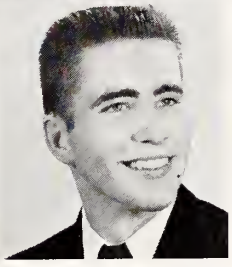


BILL NEELY ..... *President*
JIMMY HYNES ..... *Vice-President*
CARSON WATTS ..... *Secretary*
EMMETT THOMPSON ..... *Treasurer*

The members of the F.F.A. are: Jimmy Belk, David Bethune, Richard Blankenship, John Boyd, Taylor Byrum, Robert Cole, Bobby Cook, Tommy Crane, Sonny Deese, Charles Derrick, Grover Elliott, Marion Foard, Forrest Freeman, Bob Gladden, John Henry Guyton, David Harlee, Dean Haskett, Odie Heath, Kenneth Helms, Knoxie Hoover, Jimmy Hynes, Reginald Keistler, LeRoy Ludwick, Eric Machin, Barry Malcolm, Billy McClure, Joe McCullough, Dennis McGinn, Garland McGinn, Frank Medlock, Bill Neely, Jerry Nicholson, Bill Norment, Charlie Peele, Fletcher Peele, Johnny Price, Bobby Sadler, Tom Simmons, Charles Sparrow, Andy Thompson, Eddie Thompson, Emmett Thompson, Douglas Thornburg, Tommie Vandiver, Roy Watkins, Carson Watts, Mr. Jack Drye, *Sponsor*.

MONOGRAM CLUB



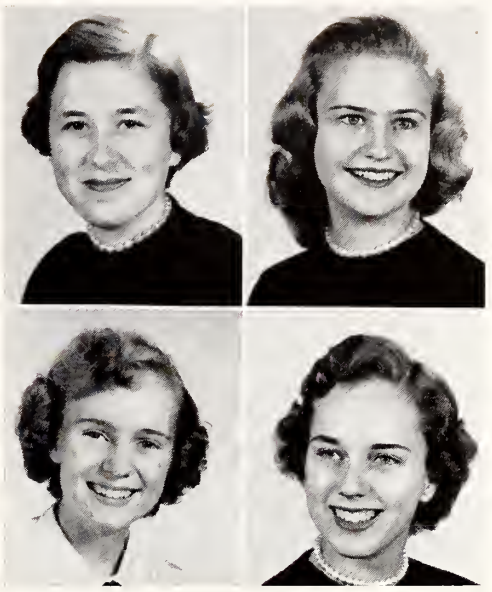
RALPH ELLIS ..... *President*
REID KENNEDY ..... *Vice-President*
IRENE EDWARDS ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
BRADFORD WATSON ..... *Reporter*

The Monogram Club is for all students who are active in any sport at West. The West Mecklenburg Monogram Club encourages good sportsmanship and clean play. "It matters not whether won or lost, but how you played the game."

The members of the Monogram Club are: George Ausley, Steele Blankenship, Libby Brock, George Bruton, Norman Chambers, Bob Cloninger, Verla Conder, Larry Covington, Becky Cox, Lessie Culp, Joe Davenport, Bill Dellinger, Irene Edwards, Gene Elliott, Grover Elliott, Bobby Ellis, John Ellis, Bonnie Rae Grissom, David Guy, Margaret Hamilton, Billy Hammer, Mary Humphries, Jerry Hunter, Jeannie Johnston, Ida Pearl Keistler, Fred Jones, Lewis Jones, Allen Justice, Reid Kennedy, Dean King, Bruce Knight, Helen Lisk, Jane Lowe, Sara Mattox, Judy Mauldwin, Sallye Mauldwin, Julian McCathern, Mary McDaniel, Ray Mingus, Betty Jo Moses, La Fontine Odom, Delton Oliver, Charles Peele, Jimmy Porter, Mike Rappe, Bruce Riles, Eston Riles, Jimmy Scott, Mary Anne Sledge, Jim Smith, Wayne Smith, Jimmy Vandiver, Bradford Watson, Stan Wilkinson, Harry Wingate, Harold Winters, Don Wright, Martha Lee Wright, Edward Yandle, Fred Younce; *Sponsors*: Mr. James Barnwell, Mr. Carl Bolick, Miss Patsy Caldwell.

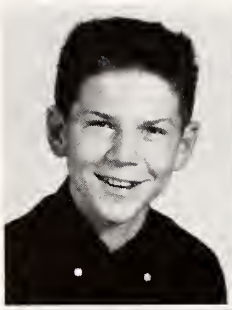
Y-TEENS

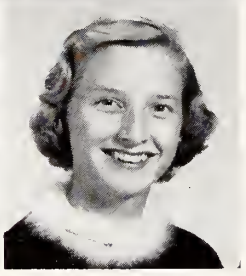
A branch of the Y.W.C.A., the Y-Teens strive to maintain the same principles upon which this organization of long standing is based. Y-Teens promote Christian fellowship among the girls of our school and create an atmosphere of friendliness for all girls. Membership is open to all girls who can uphold the traditions of the Young Women's Christian Association.



PHYLLIS WISE ..... *President*
SARA MATTOX ..... *Vice-President*
GAYLE COOK ..... *Secretary*
ROBENA HAMRICK ..... *Treasurer*

The members are: Mildred Alexander, Betty Catherine Alexander, Mary Ann Ausley, Linda Baker, Peggy Ballinger, Shelbie Beatty, Nancy Beckham, Evelyn Berryhill, Migene Blythe, Janice Bolick, Patsy Bryant, Dotty Caldwell, Becky Campbell, Sylvia Canipe, Ruth Canup, Pat Capps, Margie Carlson, Frances Carothers, Gayle Cochrane, Dee Collier, Kay Combs, Gayle Cook, Janet Cooper, Becky Cox, Deloris Crump, Lessie Culp, Peggie Dickens, Becky Dilling, Ann Edwards, Brenda Estes, Christy Ferguson, Brenda Freeman, Bobbie Jean Frye, Gwen Gibson, Becky Gordon, Linda Gragg, Yvonne Grass, Connie Grubb, Lu Ann Guignard, Sue Hager, Jo Ann Hammond, Robena Hamrick, Roberta Hargrove, Beverly Harris, Shirley Hatfield, Maxine Helms, Suzanne Helms, Gloria Ann Huffman, Linda Hullender, Marion Jennings, Patricia Johnston, Judy Jones, Anne Jordan, Vivian Looper, Jane Lowe, Marta Lukevics, Carolyn Marks, Sara Mattox, Frances McCall, Phyllis McKee, Laura Miller, Evelyn Mitchell, Frances Mullis, Barbara Pangle, Phyllis Price, Jane Price, Kathryn Pruitt, Evelyn Plummer, Linda Reynolds, Sylvia Rivenbark, Phyllis Sigmon, Mary Ann Sledge, Phyllis Smith, Sammie Southerland, Martha Stephenson, Virginia Stikeleather, Marlene Stubbs, Vernell Swing, Marianne Swink, Barbara Taylor, Gloria Thomas, Vera Thompson, Brenda Thornburg, Shirley Ann Trull, Keitha Watson, Sylvia Wilkinson, Doris Williams, Glenda Wilson, Phyllis Wise, Beverly Withrow, Jane Womack, Loretta Young, Miss Barbara Lashley, *Sponsor.*





4-H CLUB

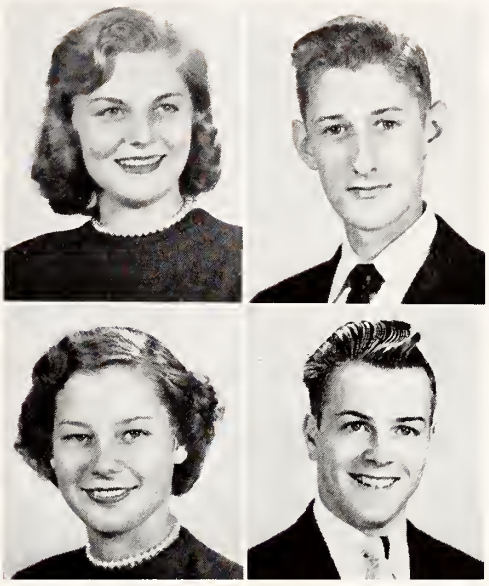
The members of the 4-H Club pledge their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to bettter living for their club, their community, and their country. Projects are carried out during the year and are entered into competition with other 4-H'ers in the county, state, and national organizations.

JIMMY HYNES .....*President*
MARGARET HAMILTON .....*Vice-President*
VERA THOMPSON .....*Secretary*
SALLYE MAULDWIN .....*Treasurer*

The members are: Betty Alexander, Nancy Allison, Peggy Ballinger, Phyllis Brown, Darrell Brotherton, Patsy Bryant, Olin Caldwell, Ruth Canup, Pat Capps, Judy Carithers, Frances Carothers, Margie Carlson, Toncie Cauble, Sylvia Chandler, Verla Conder, Gayle Cook, Becky Cox, Mary Ann Davenport, Yvonne Davis, Charles Derrick, Becky Dilling, Linda Drake, Ann Elliott, Bobbie Jean Frye, Joe Graham, Connie Grubb, Margaret Hamilton, Maxine Helms, Linda Hullender, Mary Humphries, Jimmy Hynes, Marion Jennings, Sara Knox, Viva Lane, Grady Love, Jane Lowe, Sallye Mauldwin, Gene Nance, Jerry Nicholson, Barbara Parks, Martha Phillips, Irma Ray, Kathryn Rayburn, Freeman Ritch, Mary Ann Sledge, Rodney Sigmon, Phyllis Sigmon, Dean Simpson, Gerald Stafford, Jewell Stikeleather, Virginia Stikeleather, Marlene Stubbs, Marianne Swink, Eddy Thompson, Shirley Thomas, Emmett Thompson, Vera Thompson, Barbara Tidwell, Jimmy Vandiver, Martha Lee Wright, Mrs. Gladys Kiser, *Sponsor.*

FRENCH CLUB

In its first year as a club at West, the French Club has been planned and organized by members of the second year French class, and its membership is open only to those students. The members, under the guidance of Miss Rogers, hope to improve their French by speaking it as much as possible at the club meetings and reading the special French newspapers provided for them. These students strive to make this club a success and to encourage more students to take French.

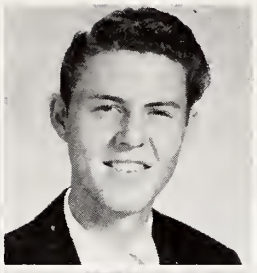


BETTY JO FREEMAN ..... *President*
BILL BUSH ..... *Vice-President*
CAROLYN MONTGOMERY ... *Secretary-Treasurer*
DON SHAW ..... *Reporter-Librarian*

The members of the French Club are: Iris Benton, Bill Bush, Becky Campbell, Irene Edwards, Betty Jo Freeman, Jeannie Johnston, Sara Mattox, Carolyn Montgomery, Eston Riles, Don Shaw, Wayne Smith, Betty Thornburg, Martha Lee Wright, Loretta Young, Miss Lillian Rogers, *Sponsor.*

BUS DRIVERS

Jo Ann Hammond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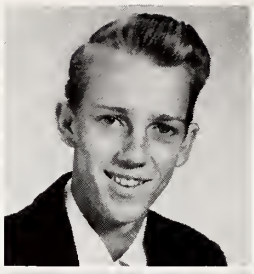
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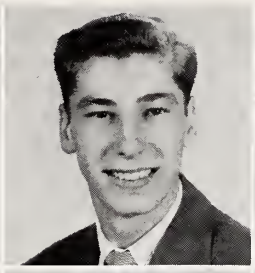
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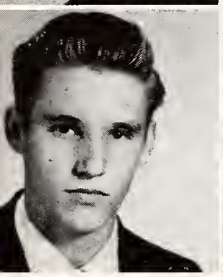
Melvin Howell

Roy Parker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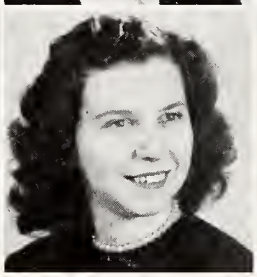
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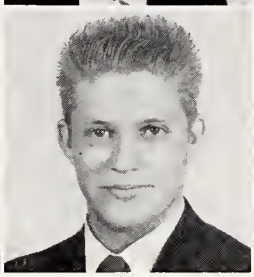
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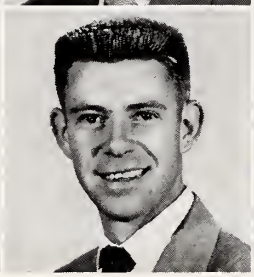
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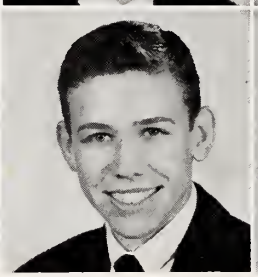
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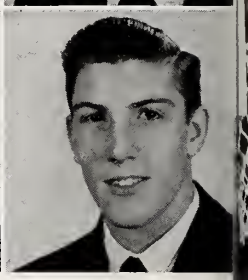
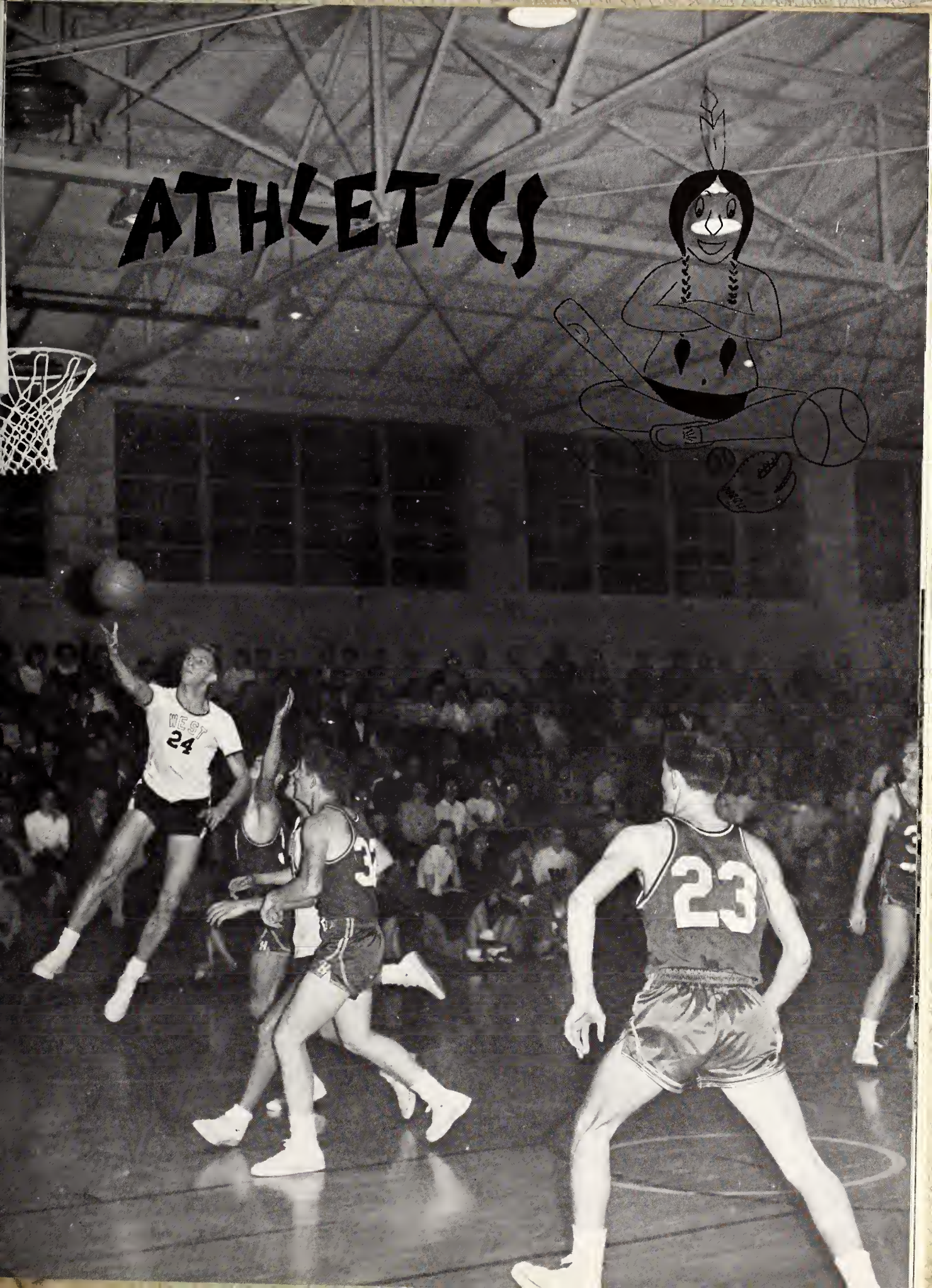

Charles Thompson

Our bus drivers play an extremely important role in our school day. Because of their safe driving we arrive at school and home safely and on time each day. To them we give our thanks. Our regular drivers are: Iris Bailey, Ronald Bass, Iris Benton, Migene Blythe, Larry Brafford, Jimmy Burke, Toncie Cauble, Robert Cole, Johnny Crook, Lessie Culp, Lloyd Eaton, Robena Hamrick, Wayne Hatley, Jerry Hunter, Ida Pearl Keistler, Mary McDaniel, Jimmy McGee, Melvin Motsinger, Jerry Nicholson, Roy Parker, George Pope, Jack Richardson, Dewey Sanders, Don Shaw, Dean Simpson, Roy Watkins, Stanley Wilkinson, Alan Wingate, Harry Wingate.

ATHLETICS



CHEERLEADERS

Our cheerleaders, showing pep, vigor, and enthusiasm at each ball game are largely responsible for the good attendance and school spirit shown at all our athletic events. They are: Martha Lee Wright, *Head Cheerleader,* Margie Carlson, Bob Cloninger, Jo Ann Elliott, Sara Mattox, La Fontine Odom, and Sylvia Thornburg.

COACHES

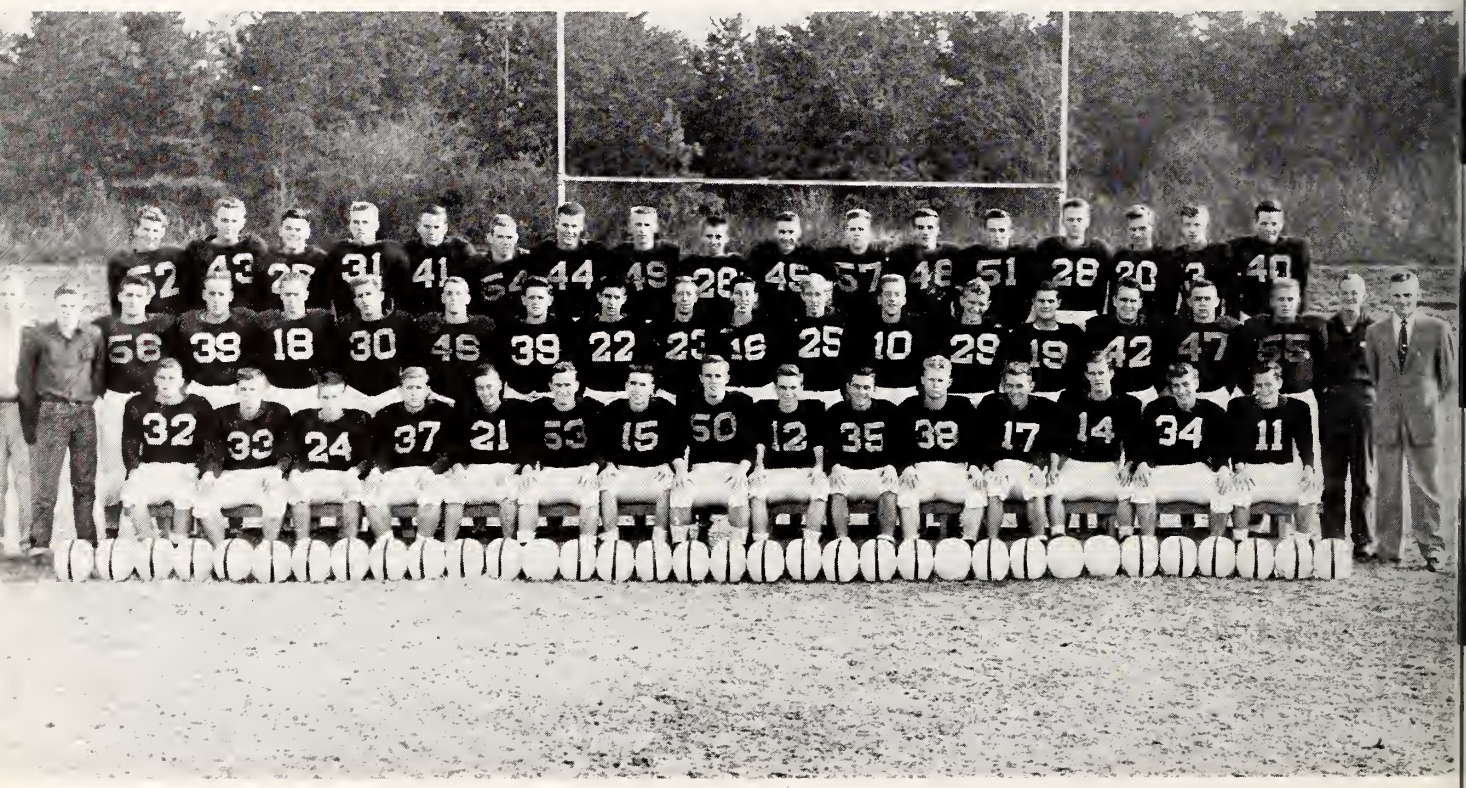
Much credit should be given our capable and efficient coaches. It is only through their hard work and close supervision that our teams are able to give creditable performances. They are: Mr. Carl L. Bolick, Miss Patsy Sue Caldwell, and Mr. James R. Barnwell.

F O O T B A L L

SCHEDULE

September 9	East Mecklenburg
September 16	Kings Mountain
September 23	Kannapolis
October 7	Landis
October 13	Myers Park
October 20	Harding
October 28	Forest City
November 4	Clover
November 11	Mt. Holly
November 18	North Mecklenburg

As the 1955-56 Football Team trudged on the field for the opening game all students felt that this would be the best team yet. They were rewarded for their confidence when this team distinguished themselves by outstanding play. The players are: *First row (left to right)* Jack Henderson, Richard Blankenship, Gary Hamrick, Eston Riles, Larry Covington, Ralph Ellis, Bradford Watson, Edward Yandle, Delton Oliver, Don Wright, Steele Blankenship, Jerry Nicholson, Gene Elliott, George Ellis, Bobby Moffit. *Second row:* Mr. Carl Bolick, *Coach;* Joe Graham, Reid Kennedy, Joe McCullough, Grady Love, Jimmy Porter, Jerry Hunter, Tommy Dickerson, Roy Watkins, Jim Smith, Allen Justice, Jerry Oliver, Walter Hicks, Tommy Howie, Harold Winters, George Ausley, Billy Hammer, Bruce Riles, Charlie Peale, *Manager;* Mr. James Barnwell, *Coach. Third row:* Bobby Ellis, Everette Pearson, Taylor Byrum, Bill Dellinger, Fred Jones, George Bruton, Jimmy Scott, David Guy, Charles Le Neave, Julian McCathern, Bruce Knight, Norman Chambers, Jimmy Vandiver, Grover Elliott, David Bethune, George Guy, and Joe Davenport.

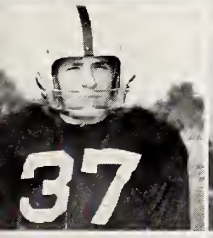


OFFENSE

David Guy
Left End

Billy Hammer
Left Guard

Reid Kennedy
Center



Eston Riles
Right Guard

Bruce Knight
Left Tackle

Julian McCathern
Right Tackle

Joe Davenport
Right End

Ed Yandle
Blocking Back

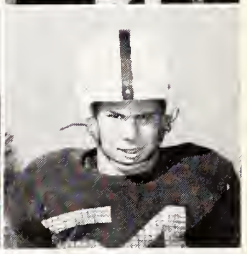
Norman Chambers
Wing Back

Ralph Ellis
Full Back

Bobby Ellis
Tail Back

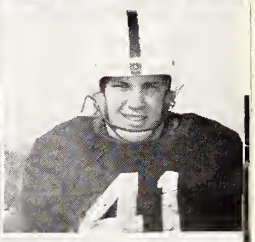
DEFENSE

Jimmy Porter
Left End



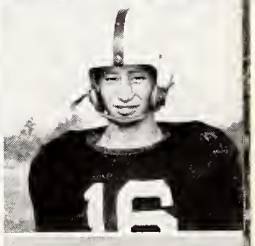
Bruce Riles
Left Tackle

George Bruton
Left Guard



Larry Covington
Right Guard

Fred Jones
Right Tackle

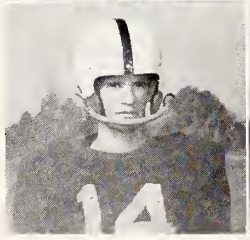


Jerry Hunter
Right End

Allen Justice
Left Linebacker

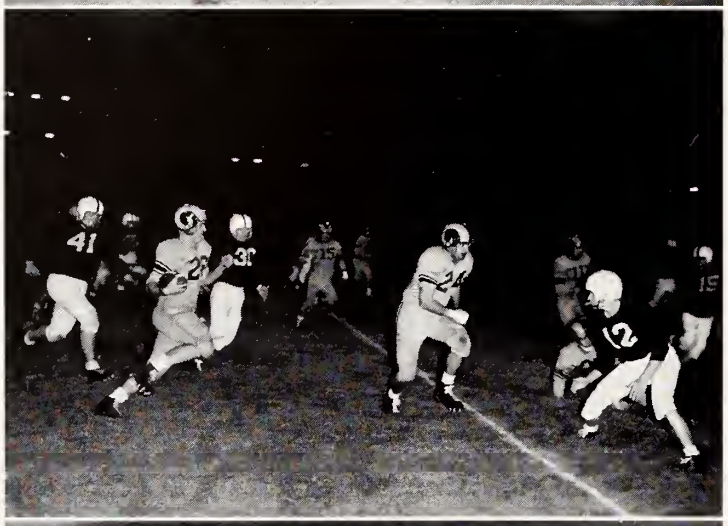
Don Wright
Right Linebacker

Delton Oliver
Left Halfback



Gene Elliott
Right Halfback

Bradford Watson
Safety



GAME

West Stops East in Opener

With four weeks of hard practice behind them, the Indians of West Mecklenburg met and passed their first test, scalping the strong East Mecklenburg Eagles by a 13-0 score. Norman Chambers scored the season's first touchdown from the receiving end of a beautiful pass thrown by Bradford Watson. The second score came on a short punch by Ralph Ellis in the tense closing seconds of the game. The contest was a great opener for a winning season.

Mountaineers Edge West in Thriller

A close, hard-fought ball game was on tap when the victorious Indians squared off against mighty Kings Mountain, powers from Western North Carolina. Exceptional line play and hard running on both sides highlighted a 7-0 loss that could easily have ended in a tie, had not a 73 yard reverse been called back on a penalty. This close loss proved West had a team that could go against tough opposition.

Kannapolis Dumps West

Brown High of Kannapolis spotted West one touchdown on a 76 yard march in the first half, then began to shake their star back loose on long scoring jaunts. When the shelling finally stopped, West was on the short end of a 25-6 score and had suffered its worst defeat of the season.

Crystal Gazers Foiled! West Wins

Local pigskin prognosticators chalked up another error as underdog West took to the warpath and scalped an amazed Landis team on the enemy's hunting grounds. The 21-14 score mirrored a good contest, in which Chambers and Gene Elliott stood out for West. The victory leveled the Indians' record at two wins and two losses.

Mustangs Defeat Homecoming Indians

A heavy downpour at the half failed to dampen the spirits of a large homecoming crowd, but the Mustangs of Myers Park took the role of villains and downed the fighting Indians by a score of 13-7. Bruce Riles and Reid Kennedy led a scrapping defensive unit while Bradford Watson, who passed for West's only touchdown, headed up the offense.

West Drops Contest with Harding

Harding High's Rams, playing before their homecoming crowd, proved to be poor neighbors as they controlled the ball for most of the game and registered a hotly-contested 19-12 triumph. In the closing minutes of the first quarter Ralph Ellis shook loose on a 75 five yard touchdown jaunt to draw first blood and to post a short-lived lead. This was the longest single run of the game, but both sides often chopped off yardage in gigantic chunks in a fine display of breakaway tactics. With the loss of this game to its arch-rivals, West dropped a chance to finish in a tie for the conference championship.

SUMMARY

Extra Points Give West Victory

Norman Chambers' accurate kicking toe made the difference as the fired-up Indians pinned a 21-19 loss on powerful Forest City. Long drives, good running, and breaks were featured in this see-saw thriller while the lead changed hands with nearly every score. Excellent line play, Ralph Ellis's running, and a recovery effort put the Indians on the winning trail once more.

West Finds Victory South of Border

The Indians dipped into South Carolina for their only game with an out-of-state team this season and gave the home-standing Clover Eagles an exhibition of warpath tactics in a 14-0 struggle. Two fourth-quarter touchdowns broke up a scoreless tie and ruined Clover's homecoming, gaining revenge for our homecoming defeat in 1954. Reid Kennedy intercepted a pass to put West on the trail to touchdown territory, the scores coming on nine and five-yard runs by Bradford Watson and Ralph Ellis respectively. West's line sparkled throughout the contest, giving their imported rooters ample reason to yell.

Mount Holly Massacred

What started out as a deadlocked struggle turned into a rout when West settled down in the second quarter and started rolling. A 7-0 deficit was erased when Bruce Riles blocked a Mount Holly punt in the end zone and recovered for a touchdown. Mount Holly made several long gains but failed to function in the clutches, losing the ball on downs or errors. West's plays clicked smoothly, with the six touchdowns divided among four different players. The shellshocked Mount Holly team was held to a lower point total than they had scored in any previous contest, as West triumphed by 42-13.

Victory at North Closes Season

Ending the greatest season of West Mecklenburg football, the Indians, after a scoreless first half, put together an attack that netted them a 14-0 triumph over North's winless Rebels. A Watson-to-Guy pass triggered the first drive and the entire team functioned smoothly to record the win. The victory left West with a record of six wins and four losses, with three of the losses by one touchdown margins. This record is the best that West has ever had on the gridiron.

VARSITY

The 1956 Basketball season opened with West defeating Albemarle. Since then, the team has gone on to commendable performances. The members of the team are: David Guy, Bill Dellinger, Bobby Ellis, Gene Elliott, Jim Smith, Joe Davenport, Bradford Watson, Grover Elliott, Delton Oliver, Jimmy Graham, Ed Yandle, Darrell Brotherton, Alan Justice, Dale Dowdle, and Norman Chambers.

'55	SCHEDULE	'56
December 2		Albemarle
December 6		Rock Hill
December 9		Gastonia
December 12		Belmont
December 14		Albemarle
January 3		Lincolnton
January 6		Harding
January 10		North Mecklenburg
January 13		Myers Park
January 20		Rock Hill
January 25		Gastonia
January 27		East Mecklenburg
February 3		Belmont
February 7		North Mecklenburg
February 10		Harding
February 17		Myers Park
February 24		East Mecklenburg

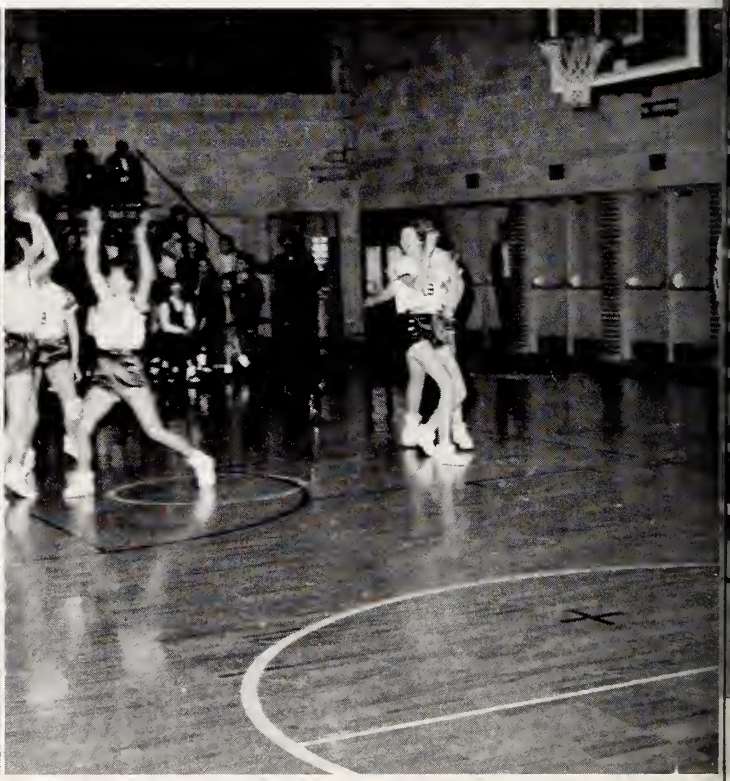
BOYS' BASKETBALL

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Junior Varsity displayed talent and the ability to perform under pressure while rolling up a creditable record. The players are: *First row;* Joe Graham, Eddie Thompson, Don Wright, Marvin Hicks, Eddie Lamb. *Second row;* Mr. Carl Bolick, *Coach;* Ronnie Bozardt, Phil Propst, Tommy Flowe, Jerry Smith, David Bethune, Tommy Neely, Mr. James Barnwell, *Coach. Third row;* George Guy, James Whitehead, Grady Love, Loyd Watkins, Charlie Peele, *Manager.*

GIRLS' BASK

Betty Jo Moses
Manager



ETBALL

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February 24	East Mecklenburg

VERA THOMPSON
Assistant Manager

The buzz of the bell sounds, and the 1955-56 Girls' Basketball Team bounces on to the floor to play another exciting game.

Taking part in the contest are: Mildred Alexander, Libby Brock, Peggy Brookshier, Judy Burgin, Verla Conder, Becky Cox, Lessie Culp, Ruth Dagenhart, Delle Darby, Sherwin Durham, Irene Edwards, Ann Elliott, Margaret Hamilton, June Haynes, Mary Humphries, Ida Pearl Keistler, Jane Lowe, Marta Lukevics, Sallye Mauldwin, Mary McDaniel, Vera Thompson, Judy Nicholson.

BASEBALL

SCHEDULE

March 27	Gastonia
April 6	Harding
April 10	East Mecklenburg
April 13	Myers Park
April 17	North Mecklenburg
April 24	Myers Park
April 26	Rock Hill
May 1	East Mecklenburg
May 4	North Mecklenburg
May 8	Harding
May 10	Rock Hill
May 15	Gastonia

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to baseball, and the boys at West are no different as they pick up their gloves, bats, and balls and head for the baseball diamond. The prospective team includes: *front row, left to right*: Gene Elliott, Grady Love, Jim Smith, Brad Watson, Warren Norkett, Bobby Ellis, Ralph Ellis; *back row*: Mr. James R. Barnwell, *coach,* Fred Jones, Ray Mingus, Harry Wingate, Bob Champion, Joe Davenport, and Mr. Carl Bolick, *coach.*

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Girls' Softball is a new innovation at West but has become popular among the students. It provides the girls an opportunity for healthy activity and for participation with a group in a common goal. When the Indian maidens take the field this spring they will be seeking to improve a 1 won –5 lost record in 1955. It seems certain that they will do so, with a team composed of combat veterans and under the able direction of Miss Caldwell.

The prospective team includes: *front row, left to right*: Ida Pearl Keistler, Carolyn Montgomery, Robena Hamrick, Phyllis Sigmon, Frances McCall, Sylvia Canipe; *back row*: Verla Conder, Evelyn Berryhill, Mildred Alexander, Carol Smith, Shelby Beaty, Vernell Swing, Irene Edwards, and Miss Patsy Sue Caldwell, *coach*.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The things that happen before, during, and after athletic events are usually pretty much routine. Oh, yeah? So, it's routine to have girls in the dressing room at football games; to drive thirty-five miles to a ball game twenty miles away; or for supporters of both teams to cheer the referees and give them a standing ovation! Curious? Well, here are the tales:

At our Homecoming Game the festivities were interrupted by a sudden, drenching deluge. As spectators dashed aimlessly about in search of shelter the attendants and sponsors suddenly found it necessary to escape the downpour. With one accord they turned and made a mad dash toward the nearest protection . . . the Myers Park dressing room!

The students of West Mecklenburg chartered a bus for the trip to our basketball game in Rock Hill and the bus company, as a gesture of appreciation, added a tour of the South-West corner of Mecklenburg County as a free bonus. The excursion featured such world-renowned places as Cannon Airport, the County's School Maintenance Garage, Super Freeze, Inc., Berryhill Fountain Sales Co., Herron's Grocery, and the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot. The students' appreciation of this kindness was so profuse that a short but interesting expedition through the metropolitan districts of Rock Hill was added. When the students arrived at the gymnasium they expressed their undying gratitude for the opportnities of cultural enlightenment they had received.

West was scheduled to play Belmont in our gym at 7:00. The spectators settled down for the game . . . but alas . . . no referees! It was announced that the officials had been delayed but would arrive as soon as possible. The next hour was spent with Indian supporters joining the opponents in good-natured cheers. When, finally, a lone "ref" stuck his head in the gym door, he was hailed with "We want another one just like the other one!" The crowd then stood and cheered the officials, who were looking a little embarrassed.

AFTER SLOW SEASON, INDIANS TURN CINDERELLA IN TOURNAMENT

When West's Indians entered the basketball tournament with only 4 wins in regular season competition, the general opinion was that they would be defeated in first round play and knocked out of further tournament action. However, the team did not seem to feel this way and squeezed past North Mecklenburg to earn the role of fourth place squad in the tourney. On the second night of the playoffs, West was fired up to meet an East Mecklenburg team which seemed to be regarding the game as only a pebble in their path to the championship. The pebble had grown though, and the bewildered Eagles could not scale such a peak on short notice. When the contest ended they stared unbelievingly at the scoreboard which recorded the frustration of their efforts. The Indians were jubilant; the rarefied air of first place was only one step away.

With the finals, however, came the rude awakening. Myers Park's Mustangs towered over the Indians, virtually preventing West's recovery of rebounds for vital second shots. Cinderella's midnight hour had struck and the Indians trudged away, wondering just *what* had happened to them in the last week.

FEATURES

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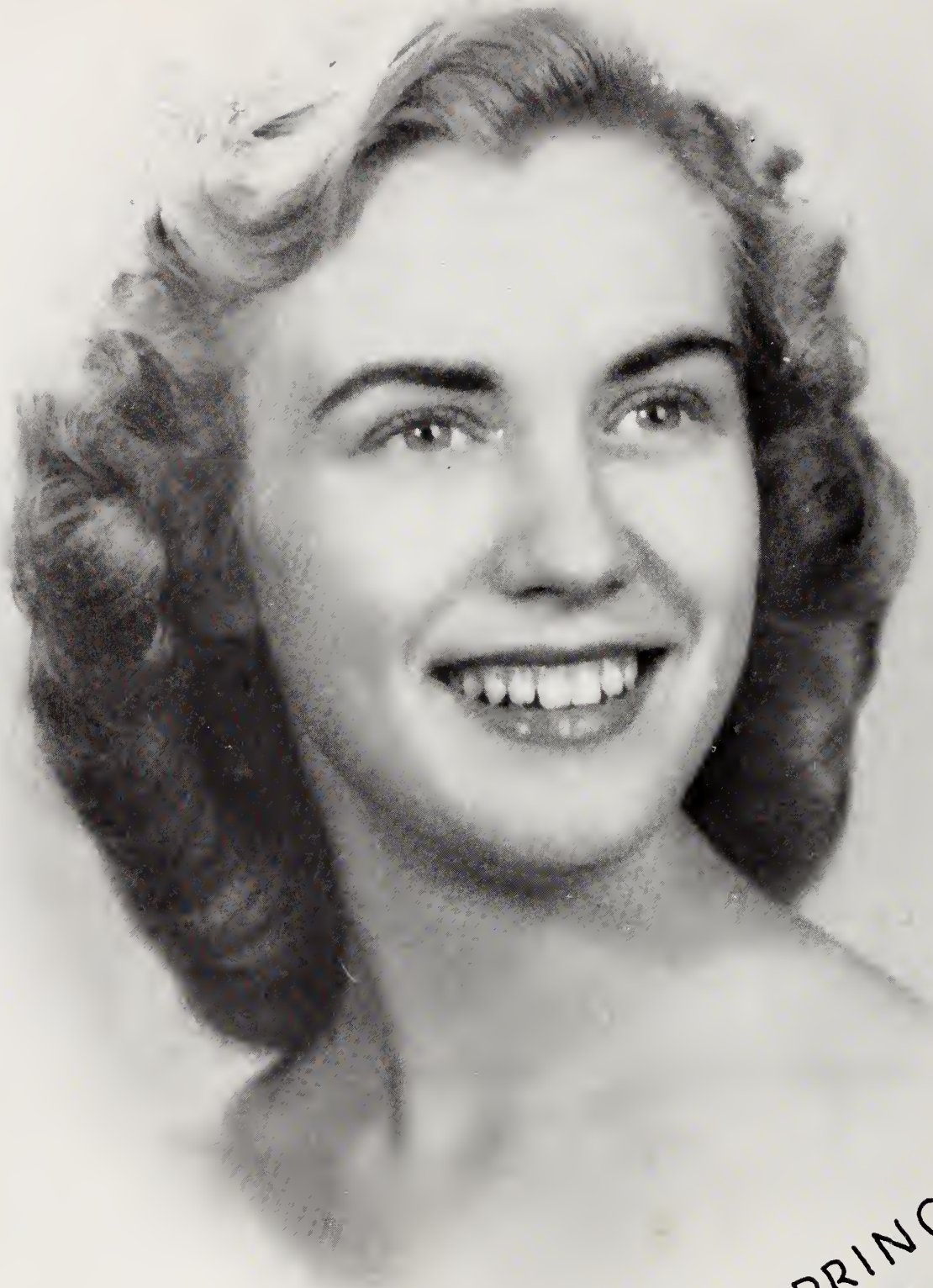
Sponsors, Standing, left to right: Rachel Martin, Janet Kelly, Jeannie Johnston, Phyllis Wise, Irene Edwards, Mary McDaniel, Martha Lee Wright, Doris Newell, Robena Hamrick. Marjorie Carlson. *Seated*: Evelyn Plummer, Sherwin Durham, Joyce Wingate, Hazel Potts, Jane Melton, Bennie Jo Dean.

Boys Sponsored, Standing, left to right: Bradford Watson, George Ausley, Reid Kennedy, Jerry Hunter, Grover Elliott, David Guy, Jimmy Scott, Jimmy Vandiver, Eston Riles, Edward Yandle. *Seated*: Norman Chambers, Larry Covington, Julian McCathern, Bruce Knight, Bruce Riles, Jimmy Porter.

Attendants, Seniors: Jo Ann Adams, Emily Cooper, *Juniors;* Sylvia Thornburg, Jane Lowe, *Sophomores;* Gayle Cook, Maxine Helms; Linda Beaty—*Flower Bearer;* Iris Benton—*Crown Bearer.*



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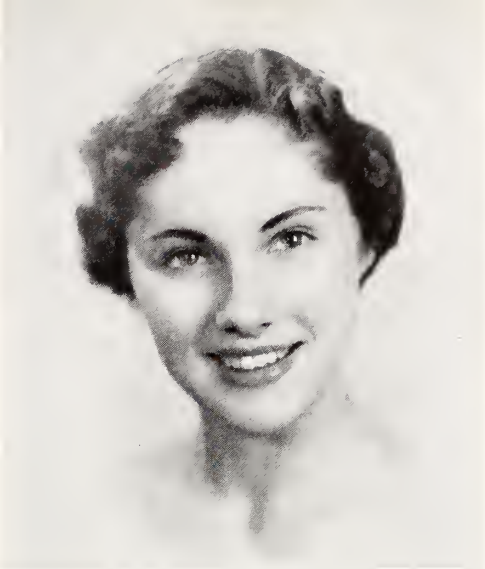

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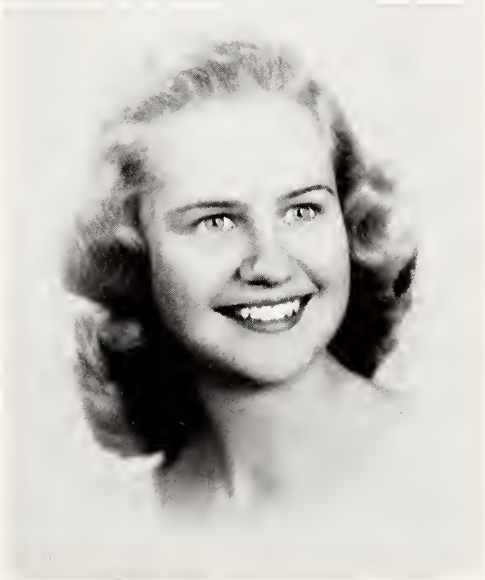
SANDRA THOMSON



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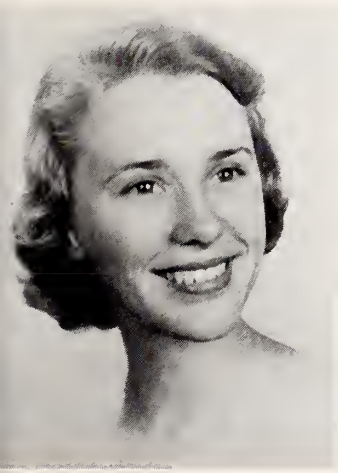
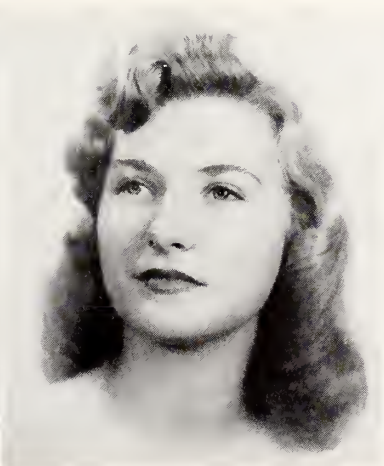
SUE HAGER





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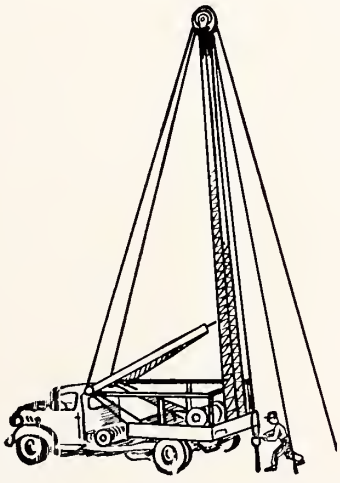

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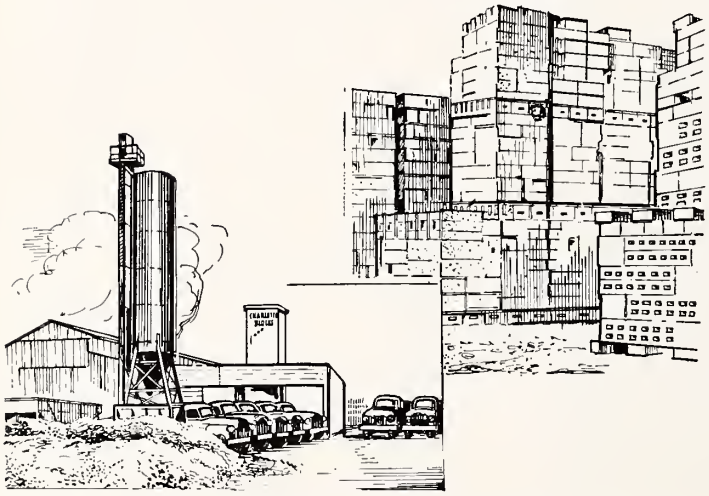

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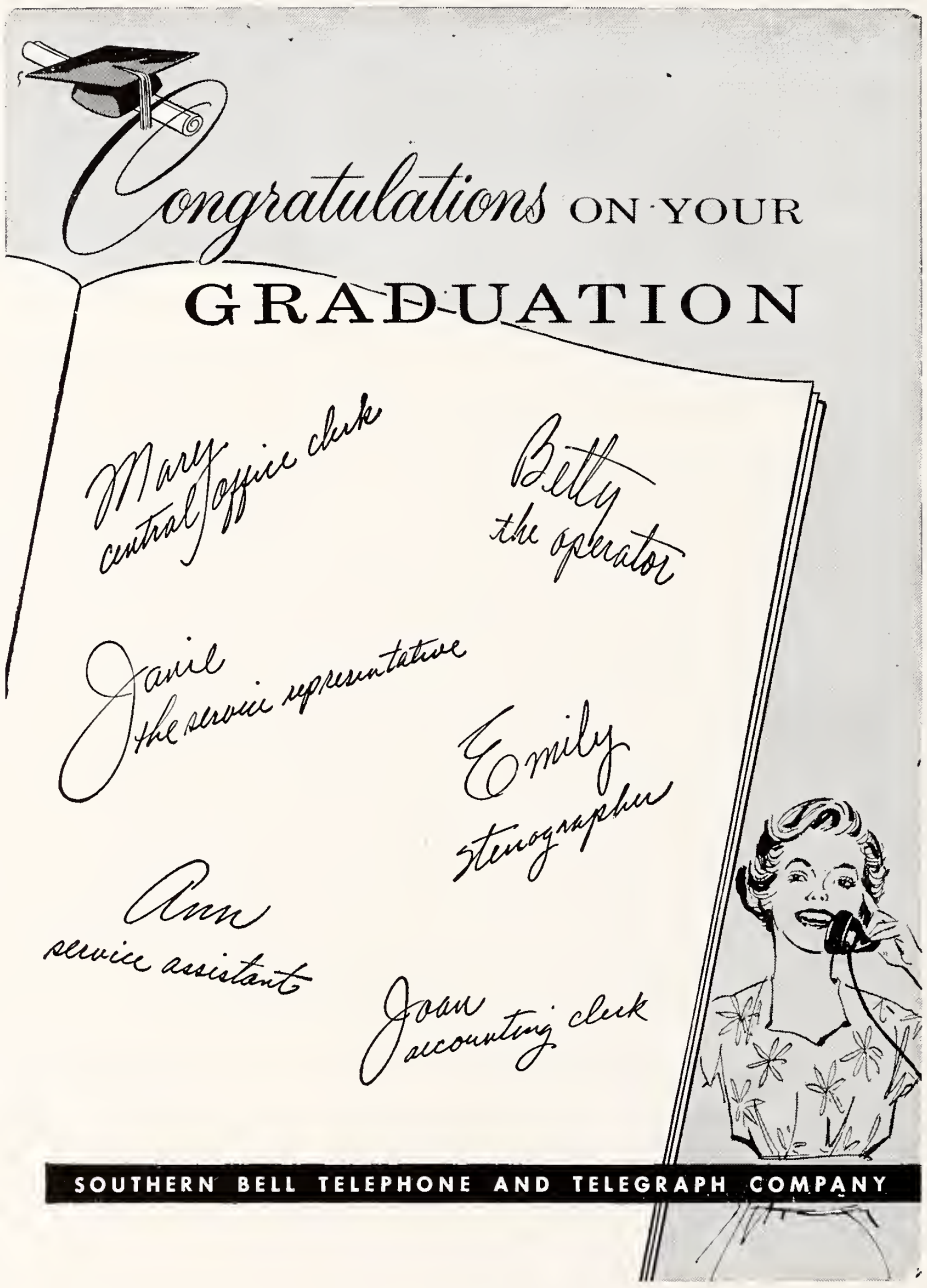
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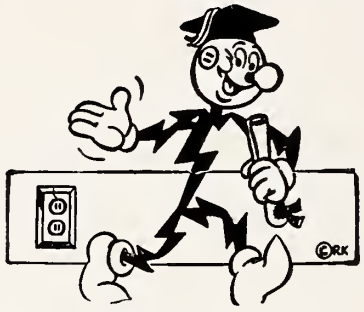

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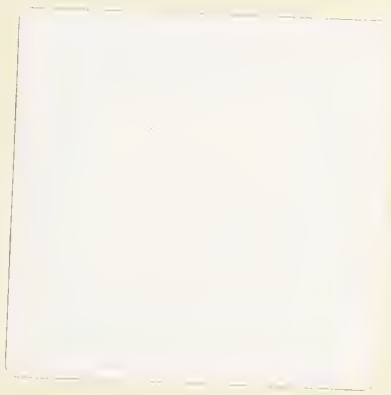

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